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# FEMA registrations hit 1,300

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The number of individuals seeking federal assistance in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor has reached 1,300 as of Sunday.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said the figure was the latest from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Blanco said the CNMI government and FEMA continue to request the public to register via telephone or Internet for assistance.

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## Homegrown son joins disaster relief efforts

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» Camacho reunites with family after 5 years

Dominic Camacho—a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant—felt the embrace of his family again after five long years, flying nearly 1,300 miles from Palau to assist in disaster relief efforts on Saipan yesterday morning.

"There was no way I was going to miss out on this," Camacho said.

The 25-year-old Camacho hovered in with other Marines on one of two V-22 Os-

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U.S. Marine Corp sergeant Dominic Camacho got to see his family again for the first time in five years, when he flew over on a V-22 Osprey from a mission in Palau to aid in disaster relief efforts on Saipan.

Residents queue up at the American Memorial Park, one of the distribution centers for typhoon relief goods that were opened on Sunday.

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## Thousands line up for hours for water, MREs

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Drinking water and meals ready-to-eat or MREs were distributed yesterday by the local government, volunteers, and members of the U.S Marines Corps that arrived Saturday aboard USS *Ashland*.

About four trucks of the Marine Corps were used to deliver supplies to three sites: Kagman Elementary School, Hopwood Junior High School, and American Memorial Park.

Residents lined up as early as 6am to be able to get supplies as word got out Saturday night from the government that centers will be open at 9am.

However, at 10am, people lined up at American Memorial Park were still waiting for the supplies to arrive. Lorie Pangelinan of the Department of Commerce who took charge of the site as well as volunteers from American Red Cross had the

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## Shell remains open, Mobil opening today still iffy

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IP&E Shell stations on Saipan will continue to be open today for the public, while reserving one station for emergency vehicles only. Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc., however, is still unclear on what time their service stations will be opening today.

According to an IP&E statement issued last Saturday, Shell stations that are open to the general public include Shell Puerto Rico, Shell Gualo Rai, Shell Highway Express, Shell Susupe, and Shell Airport.

However, the Shell Airport station only has gasoline. The four others have both gasoline and diesel fuel. All five stations will be open to the general public from 8am to 7pm.

The Shell Koblerville station is only open for government official emergency vehicles.

Shell Station operators will still be limiting fuel sales to $50 per fuel transaction.

Mobil, however, didn't open its service stations yesterday. According to Mobil Oil, there were logistics issues at the terminal that prevented them from opening their stations.

However, a late afternoon advisory stated that four Mobil stations resumed services last

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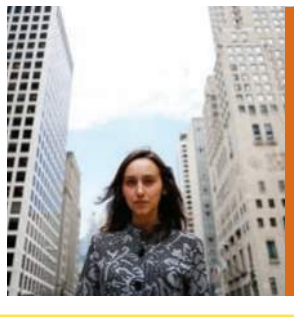

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# Local

# Inos back on Saipan, to resume office today

Gov. Eloy S. Inos returned to Saipan yesterday afternoon and will resume his duties today.

Inos left the Commonwealth on July 6 to take a three-week vacation in Seattle. He was supposed to return earlier, but some flights, particularly night flights, were canceled due to the recent onslaught of Tphoon Soudelor.

Kevin Bautista, special projects coordinator for the Office of Lieutenant Governor, confirmed that Inos has returned and will resume office today.

**AID IS ON THE WAY** U.S. AIR FORCE/SENIOR AIRMAN JOSHUA SMOOT

The USS *Ashland* sails along the coast of Saipan Aug. 9, 2015. The 48-square-mile island was battered by Typhoon Soudelor Aug. 2, as the powerful storm made its way across the Pacific. The USS *Ashland* arrived to the island Aug. 7 to assist in storm recovery efforts. Numerous agencies are contributing to the relief effort including service members from the 36th Contingency Response Group, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Inos

Bautista said acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres was still in charge as of yesterday.

The governor has been in constant communication with Torres in his absence.

According to press secretary Ivan Blanco, the governor has instructed Torres to "take charge" in light of Typhoon Soudelor, which has devastated Saipan, leaving the island a virtual wasteland with no water and electricity until today.

"He knows the situation from Day 1," Blanco said.

In an earlier update, the acting governor assured the public that help is on its way.

On Saturday, Torres was at the Saipan Port to personally check on USS *Ashland* which was carrying much-need relief goods from Guam.

"More help will come. We will work on the distribution and we will continue to work with all the federal agencies on the distribution of the goods," Torres said.

On Aug. 7, the White House declared the CNMI under a "state of disaster and significant emergency," a day after Torres sent a formal request to the Obama administration for an expedited major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth.

The declaration triggers the release of federal funds to help the islands recover from Typhoon Soudelor, which hit Saipan and Tinian last weekend. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

## Where to dispose of typhoon debris

The Emergency Operations Center, in collaboration with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, has designated two sites for typhoon debris staging. The general public is encouraged to utilize these sites, in addition to the Marpi Landfill or Lower Base Transfer Station, as you begin to clean your homes of typhoon debris. These sites will serve as a temporary staging area strictly for green wastes, roofing tin, and damaged lumber.

Locations of debris storage:

■ Public land in As Gonno: Located on Magisa Dr. off As Perdido Rd.

■ Marpi Landfill

The staging area will operate under the following conditions, set forth by BECQ

■ Hours of operation will be Monday –Saturdays, 9am-5pm; Sunday 9am-12pm

■ The public is encouraged to deliver typhoon debris to the location most convenient.

■ BECQ encourages the general public to segregate the roofing tin and building lumber from the green wastes to ease the process.

■ These sites will strictly serve as a temporary staging area for the waste streams named earlier; all other wastes streams will be directed to the Lower Base Transfer Station or Marpi Landfill.

Hazardous wastes shall not be delivered at these sites.

If there are any questions, contact BECQ at 664-8500 or 8501. ***(PR)***


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# Impetigo most common in Kagman, Tanapag shelters

Impetigo, a skin disease that causes red sores and is highly contagious, is the most common disease found among those who sought refuge at shelters in Kagman and Tanapag, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muña.

She said CHCC's mobile clinic made the rounds of all Kagman shelters—the Kagman Community Center, Kagman High School, and Chacha Oceanview Junior High School—and Tanapag Middle School and have found several cases of impetigo.

She said impetigo can be prevented by proper hygiene and antibacterial soap. Impetigo affects the skin anywhere in the body but commonly occurs around the nose and mouth, hands, and forearms and in young children, the diaper area.

It is contagious and can spread to anyone who comes into contact with infected skin or other items such as clothing, towels, and bed linens that have been touched by infected skin and, since it can itch, it could be spread to other parts of the body after scratching the infected area.

Muña said that alcohol-based sanitizers were distributed and immunizations were also administered.

Yesterday, the mobile clinic began at the San Vicente Elementary School shelter around 9:30am and then moved toward the shelter at Koblerville Elementary School.

She did not provide information on any other illness found at SVES and KES.

At the Commonwealth Health Center, 70 people are currently admitted, Muña said.

"The medical-surgical ward is over-capacity by three rooms and 10 people are under social admissions as non-patients to power oxygen concentrators," she said.

She said the hospital is prioritizing residents with serious injuries and medical conditions, while "social admissions" are limited to late-term pregnant women and those with oxygen dependency and who use oxygen concentrators that require electricity. Social admissions are for those that are non-patients but require some medical assistance.

CHCC on Friday activated its Saipan-wide crisis response in anticipation of a months-long recovery period for the island in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

### Shelter capacity

So far, 595 individuals are staying in shelters as of 10am Saturday, according to CHCC's census.

KCC had 51, KHS had 70, SVES had 83, KES had 59, Garapan Elementary School had 68, Tanapag Middle School had 48, Tanapag Head Start had 40, Office on Aging had 121, and Chacha had 47.

CHCC and several of its response divisions such as the Department of Public Health and Community Guidance Center have set in motion what could be called an island-wide outreach.

CGC has assembled a crisis response team for a mental health outreach plan for the community. Priority for CGC's response team is the emergency shelters. They will be deployed to the shelters to share strategies and activities that will promote mental and emotional wellness.

Today, Aug. 10, four teams will be going to Tanapag Middle School, Tanapag Head Start, and San Vicente Elementary School. On Tuesday they will visit Koblerville Elementary School and the Office on Aging. On Wednesday they will be at Kagman High School, Chacha Oceanview Junior High School, and the Kagman Community Center and on Thursday they will revisit the Aging office and SVES.

DPH is also informing families that have children enrolled in the Early Intervention Services, Shriners Program, and Newborn Hearing Screening Program, along with the H.O.M.E Visiting and WIC Program, that they will be mobilizing a van to visit families to provide some services and supplies.

DPH's Maternal and Child Health Bureau is locating families with children with special healthcare needs and will be visiting to provide assistance from Aug. 13 to 17. The MCH Bureau and WIC Program will be visiting the following shelters to provide WIC food benefits and other services to clients enrolled in their program:

- Aug. 10: Koberville Elementary and SVES
- Aug. 11: all Kagman shelters
- Aug. 12: Tanapag Middle School and Head Start
- Aug. 13: Garapan Elementary School
- Aug. 14: Aging Office

***(Jayson Camacho)***

# Fed court closed 'til Wednesday; local courts resort to partial day operations

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has directed the federal court to remain closed until Wednesday, Aug. 12, because of the conditions on Saipan in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

In a general order last week, Manglona said the court would be open this Wednesday from 8:30am to 11:30am, at which time she will issue a further order.

The judge put on hold all civil matters scheduled for the weeks of Aug. 3 and Aug. 10 until further notice.

The matters moved to Wednesday at 9am are the revocation of supervised release of Francisco Basa, the pretrial conference and motion hearing in the case against Alexandra Macabalo, the status conference in the case against Daniel Quitugua, and the pretrial conference in the case against Randy Sablan.

All filing deadlines in pending cases are suspended until further notice.

"If a matter needs to be addressed urgently, please contact usdcnmi@nmid.uscourts.gov," Manglona said.

For local courts, acting Chief Justice John A. Manglona and acting Presiding Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered that for Saipan, business hours will be limited to 8am to 12pm from Monday through Friday, Aug. 14.

In a notice, Manglona and Camacho said this schedule will be maintained until further notice.

They said changes to this schedule will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through the media.

"The partial day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with water and fuel availability and standby power generation are resolved," Manglona and Camacho said.

On Tinian and Rota, the court's hours of operation will be from 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Meanwhile, *Saipan Tribune* learned that the CNMI Bar Association office located in the Judicial Complex in Susupe sustained water damage from the typhoon. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***


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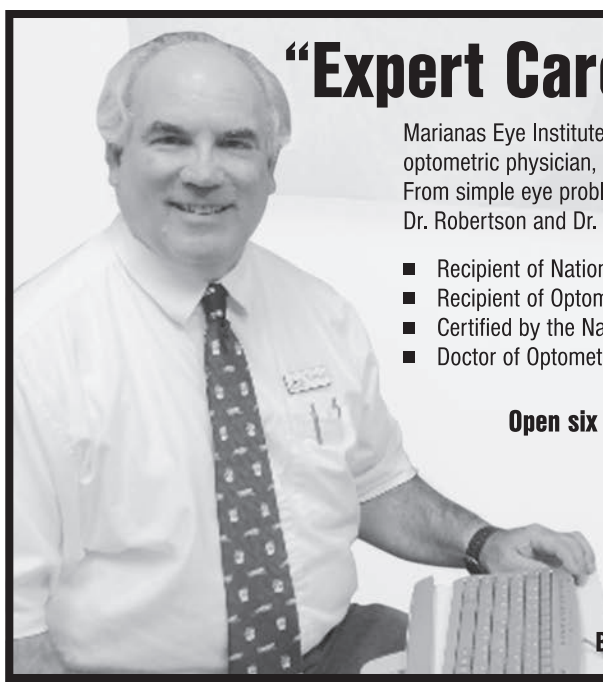
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# Relief supplies, equipment arrive

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The USS *Ashland* arrived on Saipan Saturday to help with the ongoing relief efforts following Typhoon Soudelor's swath of destruction through the island.

The Whibdey Island-class dock landing ship arrived at the Port of Saipan sometime around 6am.

"With the support of the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps here, FEMA supplies and resources and donated supplies and resources have been brought over here on the Ashland," FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Steve DeBlasio said.

The shipload from Guam provided support to the CNMI government and residents of Saipan, particularly in helping local utilities restore power and water services.

Among the items aboard *Ashland* were nine 40-foot containers of food and water, 72,300 liters of drinking water, 48,200 meals, infant/toddler kits, 17 generators of various sizes, forklifts, four light towers, and tarp sheets.

"The assistance will go toward supplementing the assistance to our people at the shelters, for debris cleaning, water distribution, and other recovery efforts. All I can say on behalf of the people of the CNMI is 'thank you.' Thank you very much," acting governor Ralph DLG Torres said after the 610-foot vessel was moored at the Port of Saipan yesterday morning.

About four seven-ton trucks from the ship are also in use for the relief efforts.

"This is a very welcome sight," FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer, Steve DeBlasio, said. "These supplies will go a long way in allowing the government of CNMI and the rest of our federal and private sector partners in creating solutions to problems."

DeBlasio also thanked the U.S. Navy for their assistance in meeting the humanitarian mission on Saipan, and praised the resilience and patience of the citizens of the CNMI.

The supplies were transported from Guam following a mission assignment issued by FEMA in its role as the coordinating agency for all federal disaster assistance.

Over 300 Marines and 300 sailors were aboard USS *Ashland* led by Captain Commander Dan Duhan.

"The Marines are on station until we complete our mission. Currently our mission is to off load this gear off the *Ashland*, to distribute water to the specific sites, we're going to generate and purify some water here. We're going to do some debris clearance operations. Once our mission is complete, we'll continue on with our training," U.S. Marine Major Joseph Montedoro said.

According to Montedoro, they also have tents on the ship to distribute to where they are most needed so that they can get people out of the shelters.

DeBlasio encouraged disaster survivors on Saipan to continue to register for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362), adding that nearly 800 people had already done so in the first 36 hours following the Presidential declaration.

In 2013, USS *Ashland* also supported relief operations in the Philippines in the wake of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

# CUC to restore water at Chalan Kiya next

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. aim to reenergize water service in Chalan Kiya today, after several villages saw a return to some water power with the arrival of 10 generators aboard the USS *Ashland* on Saturday.

Acting CUC executive director John Riegel said they have installed three generators from the 10 aboard the *Ashland* to power the wells for the Isley Reservoir.

CUC announced yesterday they were restoring pressurized water to Chalan Kanoa, the villages of Susupe, Oleai and San Jose, and San Antonio and Chalan Piao.

"The next thing…is to reenergize Duenas well so we can get water in Chalan Kiya," Riegel said.

Riegel said this is supposed to be tackled today.

He also said power poles from the hospital down to Power Plant 4 have been put up. "The goal is to get those up… so the hospital will be on CUC power and not on its own."

At the Port of Saipan on Saturday, acting governor Ralph Torres said the generators would go to prioritizing water for wells and shelter homes.

Torres and Federal Emergency Management Agency federal liaison officer Stephen DeBlasio addressed reporters at the Saipan dock on Saturday while the USS *Ashland* crew unloaded supplies.

"Some of these generators are designated for the water wells to make sure that the hospital's [reverse osmosis] system is good" for dialysis patients and health clinic, Torres said.

DeBlasio said the generators would "bring up the wellheads to get the water flowing."

"We have a 500 [kilowatt generator] that is going to be brought over to the hospital," he added.

"[CUC] is working to get the feeder to the hospital up and we hope that in seven days we will have sure power to the hospital.

"We are bringing a generator in just in case there are any problems with the generators that are currently powering up the hospital. And we are also going to swap them out so that the maintenance could be done on the generators that are owned by CUC."

DeBlasio said they would continue with their water restoration efforts throughout the island expeditiously.

## THOUSANDS

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residents register while waiting.

Over at Hopwood, the line of about a thousand snaked its way through the side of the field past 10am. Residents in front of the line said they were there since 6am and were waiting for hours without breakfast.

ARC handed out water bottles while the residents waited.

"They said something's wrong with the truck and they're trying to fix it," Lorelei Vinas from Susupe said.

"We have already anticipated that our delivery was supposed to be here by eight [or] seven o' clock but it didn't happen because there was a delay, something happened with the vehicle," Mario Salas from DOC who headed the Hopwood distribution said.

Distribution was done first at Kagman. It started past 1pm in Hopwood and almost 5pm in Memorial Park. By that time, close to 1,500 have lined up at AMP.

According to press secretary Ivan Blanco, one of the trucks of the Marines broke down on its way to the site. Trucks overheating were also reported to *Saipan Tribune.*

However, Capt. Aiden Katz of the U.S. Marine Corps said "none of the trucks broke down" and there was confusion in the distribution. He said they started moving at 5:30am and planned on going to one site at a time, back and forth to the port, to load and unload supplies as they only have limited vehicles.

"We got deployed very quickly to come to Saipan from Guam to bring the food and generators and all the supplies. We only have as much trucks as we have. We have four trucks that are able to move," Katz said.

Katz said they also delivered water to shelters Sunday night.

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preys that landed near 10am at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport yesterday morning. The Ospreys carried water bladders, hoses, and other equipment to assist with relief distribution. One Osprey carried Rear Adm. Better Bolivar, commander of Joint Region Marianas, whom acting governor Ralph Torres greeted on her arrival.

After the destructive Typhoon Soudelor tore into the island on Sunday, Camacho said he kept in touch with family through email. He saw pictures of the devastation. Camacho, who has been stationed in Okinawa, Japan, for the last three months, wanted to help badly.

Before arriving yesterday, Camacho has only been back on island once, since he joined the Marine Corp when he was just 17 years old.

"I am happy to be here but not for this reason. I miss home. I wanted to come to Saipan but not for this reason at all."

After flying close to 1,300 from south of Palau to Guam, he said his heart was racing on the way to Saipan. "I was nervous."

Camacho said it was a surprise to be told two days ago that he was on his way to Guam and then to Saipan to aid in relief efforts. Camacho and other Marines packed enough for a week, not knowing how long they are going to be in the area.

"The first thing in the morning as the sun came up—we were already spinning—getting ready to take off. We took off and landed on Guam couple of hours later."

"Our house is still intact. Thank God. But other family members—their houses are damaged. My dad and my brother told me they were housing other family members whose houses are completely gone now."

Camacho joined the Marine Corps in 2007. He was stationed in California for his first four years. He joined humanitarian assistance disaster relief efforts in Pakistan, for the 2012 floods. After, he was stationed in Jacksonville, North Carolina, for the next three-and-a-half years before heading to Japan.

"I've only been in Okinawa, Japan, for about three months… and now I am here in Saipan. I was not expecting to be here," he said.

Camacho contacted his family when he landed, who drove over to the airport. It was an unplanned reunion and a teary and joyful one.

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night from 7pm until midnight following replenishment of supplies from the terminal. The four stations are Middle Road, Chalan Kiya, Susupe, and San Vicente.

"We would like to apologize for any prior inconvenience caused, and would like toexpress our thanks for your patience and understanding. We are glad that we can now resume operations at the stations," a Mobil statement said. "We request that for your own safety, motorists drive only if necessary to reduce congestion on the roads. We would like to assure everyone that Mobil has sufficient fuel in Saipan to meet the needs of the community."

As to whether or not Mobil will open today is still unclear, but Mobil's point of contact Catherine Leon Guerrero said that they will be having a meeting today and will provide updates as to what will happen to Mobil stations later in the day.

"We'll provide update tomorrow [Aug. 10] but expect sites to open once they get their deliveries," Leon Guerrero said.

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He clarified that a disaster recovery center, to be located at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, is not yet open.

"The government is aiming to open the DRC on Tuesday next week," Blanco said, adding that generators and telephone lines need to be set up before the DRC can operate.

The number of registrants was "over 800" on Saturday, according to Stephen DeBlasio, the federal coordinating officer for FEMA.

He said the number was reached in the first 36 hours following President Barack Obama's official declaration of a state of disaster for the CNMI.

DeBlasio added that FEMA is encouraging disaster survivors on Saipan to continue to register via telephone and the Internet.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service, call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7am to 9pm (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

DeBlasio reiterated that the planned DRC "is not designed for registration" but as a venue where survivors can get more "supplemental information" and further help on how to get assistance.

### How to apply for assistance

The CNMI Joint Information Center, together with FEMA, meanwhile, released an advisory on how to register for assistance to make the process quicker:

1) 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Automated Menu: When CNMI applicants call FEMA for the first time to register for assistance, they are sometimes mistakenly pressing 3 and connecting with Helpline agents instead of pressing 1 for Registration Intake.

Instead, survivors need to Press 1 if they are calling 1-800-621-3362 for the first time to register for assistance, then dial 1 to register for assistance.

2) Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Agents are seeing a trend in CNMI callers not knowing their routing numbers, as they use debit cards, and do not have checks to reference.

To expedite the registration process, applicants should have their Bank Routing Numbers when they register. By having that information, FEMA can provide electronic funds transfer and the disaster survivor may receive funds more quickly.

3.) To prevent issues when registering, FEMA recommends that registrants provide a description of their house and/or location in the address box, instead of their P.O. Box.

4.) Registrants should also have the following documents for registration:

- Your Social Security number and those of your family members (if readily available for family members)
- Current and pre-disaster address – Description of house/location instead of PO Box.
- A working telephone number where you can be contacted
- Insurance information
- Total household annual income
- A description of your losses that were caused by the disaster
- A routing and account number from your bank

The routing numbers for CNMI institutions are the following:

- Bank of Saipan: 121403078;
- Bank of Guam: 121405115;
- City Trust Bank: 121403049;
- Bank of Hawaii: 121405018;
- First Hawaiian Bank: 121403065;
- BankPacific: 321470364

# CUC: Limited water service returning to villages

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is in the process of restoring pressurized water to some of Saipan's villages and limited water service was set to begin yesterday afternoon.

CUC will begin charging the lines in three sections, beginning with the village of Chalan Kanoa in the first phase, the villages of Susupe, Oleai and San Jose in the second phase, and the villages of San Antonio and Chalan Piao in the third phase.

CUC Engineering and Operations personnel was set to begin the process yesterday afternoon by pressurizing the lines in phases, beginning with Chalan Kanoa. CUC hoped to complete the second phase yesterday afternoon as well; however, the third phase may not begin until today, Aug. 10.

The limited water service available to these villages will be available for approximately two hours yesterday afternoon and up to four hours once Water personnel make their assessment of the system.

Customers are also asked to check that all household water faucets and hose bibs are turned off as water begins to fill the distribution lines.

Given the challenges posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact CUC Water Manager Bernard Keremius by calling 888-6615.

As CUC chlorine stations remain offline, the water made available will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

**Instructions for sanitizing**

**FOR BOILING**: Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

**FOR CHLORINATING**: Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water using bleach. As a result, we advise the community to boil their water or disinfect with bleach using the following measurements:

| CONTAINER SIZE | AMOUNT OF BLEACH | |
|---|---|---|
| | CLEAR WATER | CLOUDY WATER |
| 1 GALLON | 3 DROPS | 6 DROPS |
| 5 GALLON | 15 DROPS | 30 DROPS |
| 55 GALLON | 1-½ TEASPOONS | 1 TABLESPOON |
| 100 GALLON | 3 TEASPOONS | 2 TABLESPOONS |
| 500 GALLON | 5 TABLESPOONS | ½ CUP |
| 1,000 GALLON | ½ CUP | 1 CUP |

NOTE: Allow the water to stand in a covered container, away from the sunlight, if possible, for at least 30 minutes.

For more information, visit the CUC website, www.cucgov.org, or contact CUC's Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

# USCIS Saipan to reopen today with limited services

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced Friday that the agency's Application Support Center, located in the TSL Plaza Building, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, will reopen today, Aug. 10, 2015.

ASC staffing will be reduced and services will be limited to scheduled biometric (fingerprint) appointments, scheduled InfoPass appointments, and emergency travel requests only. For all other purposes, appointments must be scheduled online via InfoPass by visiting www.USCIS.gov.

Those who had scheduled biometrics appointments during the week of Aug. 3 through Aug. 7, 2015, may come to the office on or after Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, without an appointment.

Applicants who had been scheduled for interviews during the dates of Aug. 3 through Aug. 31, 2015, will receive a mailed cancelation notice and a rescheduled interview notice when normal operations resume.

**Temporary immigration relief measures**

USCIS reminds customers affected by Typhoon Soudelor that certain U.S. immigration benefits or relief may be available to them. USCIS understands that a natural disaster can affect an individual's ability to maintain lawful immigration status or obtain certain other immigration benefits.

Eligible individuals may request or apply for temporary relief measures, including:

■ A change or extension of nonimmigrant status for an individual currently in the United States, even when the request is filed after the authorized period of admission has expired;

■ Extension or re-parole of individuals previously granted parole by USCIS;

■ Expedited adjudication of employment authorization applications; and

■ Assistance to lawful permanent residents stranded overseas without immigration or travel documents, such as a Permanent Resident Card (green card). USCIS and the Department of State will coordinate on these matters when LPRs are stranded in a place that does not have a local USCIS office.

USCIS may also exercise its discretion to allow for filing delays resulting from the typhoon. This may include, for example:

■ Assistance to those who have not appeared for an interview or submitted required forms of evidence. Individuals may show how the typhoon prevented them from appearing or submitting documents as required; or

■ Assistance to those who have not been able to respond to a request for evidence (RFE) or notice of intent to deny (NOID). USCIS will extend the deadline for individuals to respond to RFEs or NOIDs by 30 days. This will apply to all RFEs and NOIDs with a deadline of August 2 through September 2, 2015. During this time, USCIS will not issue denials based on abandonment of an application or petition in the CNMI.

To learn how to request relief or more about how USCIS assists customers affected by unforeseen circumstances in their home country, visit uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations or call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TDD for the hearing impaired: 1-800-767-1833).

Please check back at uscis.gov for any additional information that may come later and follow us on Facebook (/uscis), Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis), and the USCIS blog The Beacon. ***(USCIS)***

**TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION**

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

I. **PRELIMINARY**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**[1]
III. **REPORTS**
   a. Chair's Report
   b. Executive Director's Report
IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
V. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
   b. Licensing Matters
      1. Casino/Casino Employee License/Hotel Registration Applications
      2. Casino Service Industry License Applications
         i. International Casino Services, Ltd.
   c. Notice & Certification of Adoption for the SAR & CTR
   d. Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission's FY'2016 Budget
   e. Adoption of Regulations Implementing TLL 18-05
   f. Clarification of Gaming Act § 51 as per TLL 18-05
   g. AGE Professional Services Contract
VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[2]
VII. **MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

[1] Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.


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**Erica Tenorio**
Reservation Staff

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**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**OPEN DATE: July 29, 2015**
**CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2015**
**POSITION: Lifeguard**
**SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour**

**Qualifications:**
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. Six (6) positions are currently available for the lifeguard position.

**OPEN DATE: July 29, 2015**
**CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2015**
**POSITION: Server**
**SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour**

**Qualifications:**
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Position will require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Friendly personality, willingness to serve and a readily smiling individual highly preferred. Four (4) positions are currently available.

**OPEN DATE: July 29, 2015**
**CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2015**
**POSITION: Human Resources Clerk**
**SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour**

**Qualifications:**
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in human resources or administrative preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide support, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

**OPEN DATE: July 29, 2015**
**CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2015**
**POSITION: Cook**
**SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour**

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Two years of formal training/education in culinary arts required. Position requires employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. Four (4) positions are currently available.

**OPEN DATE: July 29, 2015**
**CLOSE DATE: August 12, 2015**
**POSITION: Mechanic & Electrician**
**SALARY: $6.05 - $6.55 per hour**

**Qualifications:**
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum of two (2) years of formal mechanical experience or mechanical training is required. Two years of experience in related field strongly preferred. Two (2) positions are currently available for the mechanic position. Two (2) positions are currently available for the electrician position.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 274/266/576. Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting individuals to apply for the following position:

Legal Secretary
Duties & Responsibilities:
Works primarily with attorneys in setting up case files, keep case files current, and file pleadings with both Superior Court and U.S. District Court of the N.M.I. Accurately calendars court hearings and trials, monitor deadlines and track cases through the justice system; draft and proof read correspondences, photocopy, fax, print, use telephone techniques, e-mail use, and file.

Job Requirements:
Knowledge: Of law office practice (preferably litigation), familiarity with Superior Court and District Court procedures and legal terminology.

Equipment Skills: Use various office equipment including telephone, fax machine, copier, printer, computer, and occasionally a manual typewriter.

Software Skills: Proficient with word processing (preferably Microsoft Office Word) and Microsoft Outlook. Knowledge of Excel is beneficial.

Ability: To type at least 40 wpm (no errors); multi-task; be well organized; maintain a professional disposition; focus and concentrate in a stressful environment with heavy workloads and strict timelines; work independently and self-directed; maintain strict confidentiality; communicate effectively orally and in writing; follow verbal and written instructions; possess good interpersonal skills and establish effective working relationships with law enforcement, fellow employees, supervisors and the public; use proper sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and spelling; proof reading; accuracy; and attention to detail.

Required Qualifications:
To be considered for the position, applicants must have a high school diploma (or GED) and four (4) years secretarial or clerical experience with demonstrated competency in records management, word processing, and other routing office tasks requiring application of working level computer skills. Applicants with an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, August 21, 2015.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

# Tax relief for victims of Typhoon Soudelor

Victims of Typhoon Soudelor that began on Aug. 1, 2015, in parts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may qualify for tax relief from the Internal Revenue Service.

Following recent disaster declarations for individual assistance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the IRS announced Friday that affected taxpayers in the CNMI will receive tax relief.

The President has declared the island of Saipan a federal disaster area. Individuals who reside or have a business in this island may qualify for tax relief.

The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after Aug. 1, and on or before Nov. 30, have been postponed to Nov. 30, 2015.

In addition, the IRS is waiving the failure-to-deposit penalties for employment and excise tax deposits due on or after Aug. 1, as long as the deposits were made by Aug. 17, 2015.

If an affected taxpayer receives a penalty notice from the IRS, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate any interest and any late filing or late payment penalties that would otherwise apply. Penalties or interest will be abated only for taxpayers who have an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date, including an extended filing or payment due date, that falls within the postponement period.

The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies automatic filing and payment relief. But affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area must call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief.

## Covered disaster area

The island listed above constitutes a covered disaster area for purposes of Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(d)(2) and is entitled to the relief detailed below.

## Affected taxpayers

Taxpayers considered to be affected taxpayers eligible for the postponement of time to file returns, pay taxes and perform other time-sensitive acts are those taxpayers listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(d)(1), and include individuals who live, and businesses whose principal place of business is located, in the covered disaster area. Taxpayers not in the covered disaster area, but whose records necessary to meet a deadline listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(c) are in the covered disaster area, are also entitled to relief. In addition, all relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster area and any individual visiting the covered disaster area that was killed or injured as a result of the disaster are entitled to relief.

## Grant of relief

Under section 7508A, the IRS gives affected taxpayers until November 30, 2015 to file most tax returns (including individual, corporate, and estate and trust income tax returns; partnership returns, S corporation returns, and trust returns; estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax returns; and employment and certain excise tax returns), or to make tax payments, including estimated tax payments, that have either an original or extended due date occurring on or after August 1 and on or before Nov. 30.

The IRS also gives affected taxpayers until Nov. 30 to perform other time-sensitive actions described in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(c)(1) and Rev. Proc. 2007-56, 2007-34 I.R.B. 388 (Aug. 20, 2007), that are due to be performed on or after August 1 and on or before Nov. 30.

This relief also includes the filing of Form 5500 series returns, in the manner described in section 8 of Rev. Proc. 2007-56. The relief described in section 17 of Rev. Proc. 2007-56, pertaining to like-kind exchanges of property, also applies to certain taxpayers who are not otherwise affected taxpayers and may include acts required to be performed before or after the period above.

The postponement of time to file and pay does not apply to information returns in the W-2, 1098, 1099 series, or to Forms 1042-S or 8027. Penalties for failure to timely file information returns can be waived under existing procedures for reasonable cause. Likewise, the postponement does not apply to employment and excise tax deposits. The IRS, however, will abate penalties for failure to make timely employment and excise tax deposits due on or after August 1, 2015 and before August 17, 2015 provided the taxpayer made these deposits by August 17, 2015.

## Casualty losses

Affected taxpayers in a federally declared disaster area have the option of claiming disaster-related casualty losses on their federal income tax return for either this year or last year. Claiming the loss on an original or amended return for last year will get the taxpayer an earlier refund, but waiting to claim the loss on this year's return could result in a greater tax saving, depending on other income factors.

Individuals may deduct personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements. For details, see Form 4684 and its instructions.

Affected taxpayers claiming the disaster loss on last year's return should put the Disaster Designation "Northern Mariana Islands, Typhoon Soudelor" at the top of the form so that the IRS can expedite the processing of the refund.

## Other relief

The IRS will waive the usual fees and expedite requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected taxpayers. Taxpayers should put the assigned Disaster Designation "Northern Mariana Islands/ Typhoon Soudelor" in red ink at the top of Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, or Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, as appropriate, and submit it to the IRS.

Affected taxpayers who are contacted by the IRS on a collection or examination matter should explain how the disaster impacts them so that the IRS can provide appropriate consideration to their case.

Taxpayers may download forms and publications from the official IRS website, irs.gov, or order them by calling 800-829-3676. The IRS toll-free number for general tax questions is 800-829-1040. ***(IRS)***

# Detective files handwritten documents in court over the arrest of a defendant

Due to downed computer system at the Department of Public Safety in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, a police detective filed handwritten documents in the Superior Court over the arrest of a 23-year-old man for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and resisting arrest.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki filed a handwritten declaration of probable cause complaint against Junior Stazz Martin Tammy. Acting Superior Court Presiding Judge Joseph N. Camacho accepted the documents.

At a hearing on Thursday, Camacho imposed a $25,000 cash bail on Tammy due to his previous criminal records.

Assistant attorney general Clayton Graef appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed to represent the defendant.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 13 at 9am.

Kintoki's handwritten affidavit did not provide details surrounding Tammy's arrest. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

# Businesswoman of the Year nominees presented

First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* celebrate 10 years of recognizing dynamic businesswomen in Guam and Saipan who have made significant contributions to their industries and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community through its Businesswoman of the Year Maga'haga award.

Since 2006, the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year program has awarded a total $184,237.50 in scholarships to deserving students in the community.

This year the nominees for the Maga'haga award are as follows:

■ Edith V. Alvarez, general manager, Patterson Enterprises

■ Joann G. Camacho, director of market development, DFS Guam

■ Grace C. Donaldson, general manager, Pacific Human Resource Services, Inc.

■ Kristine R. Lujan, marketing director, Triple J Enterprises

■ Josephine DLG Mesta, director of human resources, Hyatt Regency Saipan

■ Sandra H. McKeever, president, Asia Pacific Financial Management Group

■ Rosario "Chet" B. Neri, international sales manager, Leo Palace Resort Guam

■ Chen-yi "Jenny" Yang, owner and managing director, Globest LLC which does business as GNC

The 2015 Businesswoman of the Year will be announced at the 10th Annual Businesswoman of the Year gala to be held on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Hyatt Regency Guam in conjunction with the release of the *Guam Business Magazine* September-October issue, which will feature a commissioned photo of the recipient on its cover.

Proceeds from the gala will fund scholarships at the University of Guam, Guam Community College and Northern Marianas College.

Tickets for the gala may be purchased by contacting Melinda Sanchez at mindisan@gmail.com and 671-929-5343.

The 2014 Businesswoman of the Year Maga'haga award recipient was Shirley Ann T. Sablan, executive vice president and general manager of Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. on Saipan. ***(PR)***

The 2015 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year nominees are, from left, Kristine Roberto Lujan, Joann G. Camacho, Chen-yi "Jenny" Yang, Grace C. Donaldson, Edith V. Alvarez, Rosario "Chet" B. Neri, and Sandra H. McKeever. Not in picture is Josephine DLG Mesta.
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# BoH Foundation donates $25K to Saipan relief efforts

**HONOLULU, Hawaii**—Bank of Hawaii Foundation announced Friday contributions totaling $25,000 to help relief efforts underway on Saipan, due to Typhoon Soudelor.

The American Red Cross, Pacific Islands Region, will receive $15,000 and $10,000 will go to The Salvation Army - Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division.

Donna Tanoue, Bank of Hawaii Foundation president, said, "We recognize that the devastation is widespread and recovery efforts will be extensive. The American Red Cross and The Salvation Army will help ensure that funds are directed to people and areas with the highest need."

Bank of Hawaii has two branches in Saipan: Chalan Kanoa and Garapan. ***(BoH)***

# Coast Guard lifts safety zone for Port of Saipan

The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam Captain of the Port lifted the safety zone for Tanapag Harbor on Saturday after surveying crews deemed it safe for transit.

Coast Guard Sector Guam has worked closely with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to mitigate any potential hazards.

Currently, cargo operations are limited to daylight hours due to inoperable lighting in the Port of Saipan.

The maritime public is advised to be vigilant when entering ports and harbors and to cooperate with the direction of the Coast Guard and local harbor masters.

Mariners seeking additional information on port and harbor openings should contact Sector Guam at (671) 355-4821 or monitor VHF Channel 16. ***(USCG)***

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Notice of Availability of the
Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT)
Environmental Impact Statement/
Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)
**Record of Decision**

The U.S. Navy has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) to support and conduct military readiness activities primarily within established military areas of the MITT Study Area. The Navy made its decision after carefully considering the potential impacts that training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment and comments from the public on the proposal and environmental analysis. Training and testing activities will include the use of active sonar and explosives, pierside sonar maintenance and testing alongside Navy piers located in Inner Apra Harbor, and land-based training activities at existing ranges and other training locations on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Navy's Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS are available online at **www.MITT-EIS.com** and at the following public libraries: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library and Rota Public Library.

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# 31st MEU and Ashland transport water into Saipan

SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan—Sailors attach a crane lift to a generator onboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) during disaster relief efforts in Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor made landfall.
MC3 DAVID COX

By MCS3 DAVID A. COX
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**SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan**—The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) arrived on Saipan on Aug. 7 and is providing disaster relief in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

When the ship was tasked to go to Saipan earlier in the week, Ashland's sailors and Marines quickly reconfigured the ship's well deck and flight deck to support equipment and supplies that needed to be transported.

Master Sgt. Hugh Weise, the MEU's motor transport operations chief, said no task is too tough for the MEU's vehicles.

"We can move anything, if it's palletized, if it's containerized, if it's just loose bulk type cargo, we can dress trucks to make sure it happens," Weise said. "Any type of fluid, any type of solid, you need it moved, we can move it."

One of the top concerns on Saipan is a lack of clean drinking water in many of the affected areas, which is a large part of the cargo *Ashland* took to the island. The Federal Emergency Management Agency loaded onto *Ashland* 89 pallets of drinking water, with each pallet being equivalent to 900 liters and two pallets of water jugs to help with the effort.

Weise said his Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 31 will be using several vehicles during distribution.

"The water trucks that we have right now can carry 1,800 gallons on top of each truck," Weise said. "We have one water trailer that holds 400 gallons, we also have water purification equipment; TWPS (Tactical Water Purification System) and LPS (Lightweight Purification System) that produce about 30,000 gallons of purified water a day. Once they get started, we start pushing out as much fresh water as people can handle."

USS *Ashland* commanding officer Cmdr. Daniel Duhan briefs local media about the ship's operations during a media availability on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 7.
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USS *Ashland* sailors secure pallets of supplies aboard the ship on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 7. *Ashland* and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit will support relief efforts in Saipan in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.
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Pallets of supplies and equipment are secured aboard USS *Ashland* on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 7.
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Lt. Dennis Pelina, USS *Ashland* supply officer, shows his enthusiasm as he checks supplies aboard the ship on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 7.
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Cpl. Jartavious Gunter, a motor transportation operator, said during his trips delivering water he got the chance to see how much the typhoon affected the community.

"When we first got there, there were a few kids playing basketball, all without shirts, there were trees everywhere, we had just enough space to get vehicles through," Gunter said.

The water is being taken to 14 community centers that will distribute it to neighboring areas over the next few days.

Willard Brungel, a safety officer for the pier, said *Ashland*'s presence on his home island is beyond appreciated.

"We really needed you guys," he said. "What you've brought

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USS *Ashland*, moored at U.S. Naval Base Guam, is prepared to deploy to Saipan Aug. 7.
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us has made us so happy. All the supplies—over 500 pallets of blankets, water, generators and other supplies, we are very happy to have you guys here and I don't know how to express everybody's gratitude. I can tell you from the people of Saipan and myself, we want to thank you guys."

The *Ashland* departed from its homeport of Sasebo, Japan, for patrol on June 3. *Ashland* is assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, which supports maritime security operations, provides crisis response capabilities, and increases theater security cooperation and forward deployed naval presence in the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet area of operations.

SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan—A crane lifts a pallet of supplies off the flight deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* during disaster relief efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor made landfall.
MC3 DAVID COX

SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan—A crane transfers a pallet of water from the flight deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* to the pier during disaster relief efforts on Saipan.
MC3 DAVID COX

SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan—Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) look at the damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor in Saipan after the typhoon made landfall. Ashland is assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group and is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.
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A generator, forklift and other heavy equipment is secured aboard USS *Ashland* on U.S. Naval Base Guam Aug. 7.
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# 31st MEU to assist in typhoon recovery effort

Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit arrived on Saipan on Friday to assist with typhoon recovery efforts after the island was hit by a typhoon.

Approximately 600 Marines and sailors of the 31st MEU, aboard the USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group, will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deliver much needed relief supplies after the island was devastated by Typhoon Soudelor on Aug. 2-3.

The MEU has also staged four MV-22B Ospreys in nearby Guam. The aircraft will be on standby to provide aerial support for recovery efforts if needed.

The 31st MEU was in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands for training as part of a regularly scheduled deployment to the Asia-Pacific region. The Marines and sailors were rerouted with orders to assist recovery operations Aug. 5.

"We will work closely with FEMA to bring relief to the people of Saipan as quickly as possible," said Col. Romin Dasmalchi, the 31st MEU commanding officer. "As a maritime contingency force, the MEU's ability to quickly respond to a variety of crises across the range of military operations is key, particularly here in the Western Pacific where natural disasters like this are a fairly regular occurrence."

The 31st MEU provides a forward-deployed, flexible sea-based force capable of conducting amphibious operations, crisis response and limited contingency operations in the Asia-Pacific area. The 31st MEU is the only continually forward-deployed MEU and remains the Marine Corps' force-in-readiness in the Asia-Pacific region. ***(31st Marine Expeditionary Unit)***

U.S. Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and the USS *Ashland* offload relief supplies from the ship for typhoon recovery efforts in Saipan, Aug. 8, 2015. The MEU and the ships of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group will assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency in delivering the supplies to the victims of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan. The island, part of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, was struck by the typhoon Aug. 2-3.
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## EDITORIAL

# Buying influence, secretly

With the 2016 election looming, Republicans in Congress want to make sure that the Internal Revenue Service won't crack down on tax-exempt "social welfare" groups that serve as conduits for untraceable political spending. And the commissioner of the IRS has indicated that, in any event, the agency won't adopt new regulations of these organizations in time for the rules to be applied to next year's election.

Without new rules, potentially hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent on election-related activities with no accountability because, unlike "super PACs," these so-called social welfare groups are not required to disclose their donors. That loophole makes a mockery of the Supreme Court's assurance in its Citizens United decision that transparency about the sources of political spending "enables the electorate to make informed decisions and give proper weight to different speakers and messages."

When Congress approved tax-exempt status for these groups, it provided that they would be engaged "exclusively" in social welfare activities. An IRS publication defining such groups offers as examples associations that build housing for the poor or provide financial planning. But in administering the law, the agency has redefined "exclusively" to mean "primarily," allowing these groups to spend huge sums on election-related activity so long as a bare majority of their spending goes for other purposes.

Unfortunately, more restrictive regulations have been a casualty of the continuing controversy over the IRS' treatment of tea party and other conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status. A Treasury Department inspector-general concluded that the agency subjected those groups to scrutiny based on "inappropriate criteria." Although a House investigation failed to prove that the White House ordered the targeting of conservative groups, Republicans claimed that President Barack Obama's rhetoric "influenced how the IRS engaged with these groups."

Despite the backlash, the IRS—appropriately—moved to develop new regulations for social welfare groups. But preliminary rules proposed a definition of "election-related activities" so broad that it included nonpartisan voters' guides and candidate debates sponsored by nonpartisan groups. Now regulations are on hold, and Republicans in Congress have proposed legislation to impose a one-year moratorium on rule-making.

That would be good news for donors who want to influence elections anonymously, but it would be a disaster for democracy. Rather than despair that nothing can be done until after the election, the IRS should move promptly to adopt new regulations that would restore Congress' original intent and make it clear that election advocacy isn't a "social welfare" activity that can be funded by nameless donors. If Congress attempts to legislate a moratorium on new rules, Obama should reach for his veto pen.

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# Hiroshima *Hibakusha*

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Hiroshima died. It rose again from the dead. Resurrection is a theological term of Western upbringing. It is the appropriate term for a city that felt the brunt of the untested uranium bomb that exploded over its skies on the tail end of World War II, vaporizing thousands of breath in an atomic flash.

Shinzo Hamai is not a name known widely in historical accounts but he led Hiroshima recover from the devastation of the atomic bomb without remorse or retaliation, on the steady focus of reparation, restitution and repair. He presided over the slow but sure reconstruction of the city as a volunteer at first, then an appointed deputy, until he was elected mayor.

A uranium A-bomb targeted the Aioi bridge of Hiroshima that left behind folks who survived the bomb, called *Hibakusha.* A son of one, Kazumi Matsui, born in the '50s, is current mayor since 2011. The *hibakusha,* a humble group of people, were known for developing guilt for surviving a disaster, of being alive when kin and kindred spirits were dead. The highly suicidal society of Nippons are known to commit *seppuku* or *harakiri,* inflicting pain on themselves to maintain honor and save the oriental "face." Pain inflicted inward was refined from the *bushido* code of the fallen *samurai.*

During the American occupation, published works on Hiroshima and the atomic bomb were confidential; even John Hersey's novel in 1946 on Hiroshima that won him the Pulitzer Prize was banned. Otherwise knowledgeable bodies denied the effects of radiation until 1951 when the U.S. occupation forces finally recognized Japan's independence.

Hiroshima by the bay is now a modern city on the southern end of Honshu where the G*enbaku* Dome of the Peace Memorial Park (*genbaku* = atomic) survived the rest of the city structure's crumbling after the explosion. Prominent sites for visitors include the formal Chinese-style *Shukkei-en* garden, and the fortress Hiroshima castle surrounded by a moat and a park.

Much as I am uncomfortable over Shinzo Abe's bluster, he is just acting out the ordinary Nippon sentiment. For a people whose public story has been to be laid back and let the rest of the world inflict their pain in the aftermath of the Meiji's reform and restoration out of guilt—or at least walk all over them in light of Manchukuo's military arrogance in the march into Manchuria and the creation of Asia's co-prosperity design with Nippon characteristics—Abe is done performing *harakiri* on its national psyche. Japan is technologically well among the nations of the world, with many achievements it is proud of.

Oleander (unrelated to the olive *Olea*) is the city's flower, ironically and totally toxic but was first to bloom after the atomic bomb. In a culture where the real take a back seat to appearances, the oleander is an appropriate flower for both the appearance of beauty and the reality of toxicity.

The *okonomiyaki* is the region's favored dish, a pancake containing a variety of ingredients, sometimes just mashed together, or each ingredient layered one after the other. The name is derived from *okonomi,* "what you like," and *yaki,* "grilled" or "cooked," thus essentially cooking what you want! Or it's a pleasure to grill you!

Forsaking toxicity for beauty, Hiroshima has the oleander, and will pancake for anyone whatever they like, mashed or layered. Definitely a modern city, it does not hesitate to design images to influence human behavior. The urban centers of the world today are places for show. Imelda Marcos of Manila used billboards to hide *barong-barong* neighborhoods that tourists readily see three flights up in their Bay view hotels.

Programmed images determine our behavior. Go to any shopping center and every marketing effort aims at convincing a consumer of the savings they will receive from a purchase. A friend showed me a new pair of shoes she bought at a savings of $70 on a $100 item that she got for $30. I asked, "Do you need a new pair of shoes?" "No," she answered, "but I just got me a pair on the cheap. I saved $70."

I did not have the heart to tell her that she did not save $70; she spent $30! All the shoppers of the world walk out of a mall nursing all the savings they made in their minds without regard to the reality that, in fact, they spent rather than saved!

Hiroshima has become a peace city. A poignant story of Sadako Sasaki tells of a 2-year-old thrown by the force of the bomb at a mile from ground zero. Unscathed, she and her mother were nevertheless caught in the black rain that caused leukemia among many Hiroshima survivors, including Sadako. She was hospitalized for a worsening condition when she was 10 and, while waiting for the inevitable, Sadako folded a thousand origami cranes. She died at 12. Japan dedicated the observance of Peace Day on Aug. 6 in her honor.

Hiroshima does not hide behind "savings"; it lives on the sheer decision to never again have human intelligence at the mercy of atomic power. Coincidentally, Saipan's liberation festivities went by "Peace in Diversity." Peace!

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# Resilience, humanity after Soudelor

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Typhoon Soudelor may have inflicted massive damage on Saipan with fierce winds and torrential rains but it failed to destroy people's resilience, tenacity, hope and more importantly, their humanity.

And while the images of Soudelor's destruction are inescapable and heart-wrenching along with signs of frustration and blaming, there are also countless heart-warming stories of determination, heroism, and kindness.

If anything, Soudelor—which later gained notoriety as the strongest storm this year so far on Earth—emboldened people's resolve to save what can be saved from the rubble, help one another, and rebuild a community.

Saipan knows now that it is not alone in the relief and recovery efforts in the wake of the typhoon that also pounded Taiwan Saturday, leaving at least six dead, four missing, and 185 injured, before barreling on to China. Soudelor didn't claim a single life on Saipan, but left a few with minor injuries.

Individuals, families, civic groups, local and federal government agencies, the U.S. military, private businesses and other entities within and outside Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are sending or have already sent human resources and relief supplies to Saipan to address emergency needs such as drinking water, food, power generators, utility crewmembers, toiletries, cots, and clothing.

Typhoon Soudelor, as with any disaster, brings out the best and worst in people. So far on Saipan, the typhoon has brought out the best in most people despite—or because of—the homelessness of hundreds of children and adults, the lack of water and power for thousand more, houses that in one way or another got a beating from the typhoon's wrath, and the destruction of countless number of private and public properties.

Despite ravaging Saipan, Soudelor produced so many heroes, many of them ordinary people doing extraordinary things for others. They represent the many faces of resiliency and humanity.

They are people checking on their neighbors to see whether they're alright, people opening their homes to others in need of shelter, people sharing their food and drinking water, neighbors clearing out common roads so they become passable once again, people helping their neighbors sift through what's left of their houses to save what can still be saved, people helping others rebuild their homes, people driving others to check on their relatives in different neighborhoods, people helping in emergency shelters, emergency response personnel doing what they do even at the height of the typhoon, people sharing stories and photos on social media and reaching out to national news organizations to bring their attention to Saipan, people helping Saipan-bound passengers stranded in Guam or other places, people in the CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, East Coast, West Coast and other parts of the United States donating money and mobilizing people for relief efforts, and people going back to work and bouncing back as fast as they possibly can. The list goes on.

Rather than sit idle while waiting for local and federal government help to arrive, people are taking it upon themselves to reach out to villages to deliver free drinking water, food, hope, and information.

People are acting on their human instinct to help in any way they possibly can. Simple acts of greeting each other, cheering each other up, waving at each other, shaking hands, hugging and just being present for each other are keeping the spirit of community alive and strong amid the typhoon's destruction.

"If we do a little, we can do a lot" became the mantra. Phrases such as "CNMI strong," "Saipan strong," "We will recover," "God bless Saipan and the CNMI," "Pray for Saipan," and "Saipan you're not alone" moved people to action. And people in other parts of the world learned about Soudelor's devastation on Saipan, and more importantly, the tenacity of the island people brought by regional, national and international news outlets' coverage.

This came barely a few weeks after Saipan was cut off from the rest of the world when the only undersea cable connecting the CNMI's telecommunication to the outside world was damaged.

Most government agencies, functions and private businesses reopened a day or two after the typhoon's direct hit, bringing a sense of normalcy amid the destruction and debris still strewn on the ground.

Acting governor Ralph DLG Torres declared a state of emergency for the entire CNMI on Monday morning. Along with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Torres also reached out to the White House that led to President Barack Obama's signing of a major disaster declaration for the CNMI so that federal funds will be immediately released to help meet emergency needs and recovery efforts related to Typhoon Soudelor.

But there are also mounting frustrations and fears, along with putting the blame on the local government and federal entities for handling things differently before, during, and after the typhoon.

Questions include whether the weather forecasts, updates and warnings were insufficient, lacking or plain wrong given the typhoon's strength and impact; whether the CNMI's own emergency response system worked; whether top officials made the right call; whether limiting gas purchases is right under the circumstances; where are the megaphones that politicians use during election season but not during disasters to reach out to villages cut off from power, water and telecommunications; whether residents themselves put their guards down thinking Soudelor might just be like the other recent storms and typhoons that proved to be less severe than predicted.

Soudelor, just like other disasters, delivered important lessons that are not alien to many, such as taking seriously every typhoon warning, making sure backup power generators are working, making sure emergency response personnel are properly equipped and can be relied upon, and that government leaders know what they are doing. People expect their leaders to lead in calm times and in times of disaster.

But it's also true that Soudelor's scale and magnitude of destruction easily overwhelmed the CNMI government's system for disaster response, and gaps in communication may have hampered immediate relief to those mostly affected. But these are learning opportunities to make the emergency response systems better and more coordinated. After immediate relief needs are met such as drinking water and food, there are also public health concerns that need to be met.

There is no perfect guidebook or instruction manual to fully prepare everyone for disasters or to rebuild after these disaster hit but Soudelor should be a driving force to invest more in sturdier houses and buildings, and strengthen critical infrastructure such as power, water and fuel facilities, among other things.

Rebuilding after a powerful typhoon such as Soudelor takes time. Sometimes it takes several weeks, months and years. But immediately looking for ways to attain some degree of normalcy and thrive under the circumstances, reaching out for help or to seek help, and having patience and faith helps lead to full recovery and rebuilding a better, stronger community.

# Jon Stewart's humorous approach made a serious impact

**By DANNAGAL G. YOUNG**
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

On Thursday, Jon Stewart ended his 15-year run as host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, marking the end of an era that was significantly defined by Sept. 11, 2001.

Until that day, Stewart, the 39-year-old host, who had replaced Craig Kilborn in 1999, had been enjoying the early days of George W. Bush's presidency, rife with humorous photo-ops and malapropisms (Remember "subliminable"?).

When Stewart returned to the air after the terrorist attacks, he addressed viewers with very little humor, a style he would revisit during moments of national tragedy like Charleston and Sandy Hook. Stewart spoke as a passionate and patriotic progressive, that unicorn that partisan media had all but erased from our memory. He spoke of his job as a "privilege" and pointed to the heroism of first responders as the "light" that is "democracy."

And so began the unlikely crusade of the left-leaning Jewish comic from New Jersey defending the rights and dignity of those who bore the brunt of 9/11.

Stewart became a vocal supporter of the 9/11 First Responders Bill, designed to provide health care for ground zero workers suffering tragic health complications. After the bill was voted down by the Senate and blocked by a Republican-led filibuster, Stewart invited four New York first responders to appear on the show to detail their illnesses and the cost of treatments.

The Senate passed the bill two weeks later, leading many, including the White House, to call Stewart an instrumental influence on the bill's passage.

Throughout the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Stewart questioned whether the wars were (a) going to reduce terrorism or (b) morally justified. In segments, subtitled "Mess … O'Potamia," Stewart questioned the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, warned of the consequences of preemptive war in an unstable region, and predicted growth of anti-American sentiment. While he wasn't alone in voicing these concerns, Stewart's approach resonated with his young, left-leaning, and politically engaged audience.

Stewart placed blame for "Mess … O'Potamia" not at the feet of U.S. soldiers, but at the feet of U.S. leaders. As framed by Stewart, not only were soldiers not to blame for America's wrongheaded foreign policy, but civilians should be even more outraged because innocent young people were sent to carry out a misguided—and futile—mission.

As soldiers began returning from war with traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and high suicide rates, Stewart tackled the issue of veterans' health. He highlighted our inability—or unwillingness—to care for our veterans with segments like "America's Heroes Return: Operation Enduring Wait" and the slightly less nuanced "Big Book of A------s: Department of Veterans Affairs."

For 15 years, Stewart has been a vocal, unforgiving critic of the right. But he has also been a critic of the left; for being weak (Senate Democrats), out of touch (Secretary of State John Kerry), muddled (Occupy Wall Street), not liberal enough (President Barack Obama), or silent on important issues (Obama).

In spite of his partisan messaging, Stewart has rejected the vitriol we often see on cable news. (His passionate indictment of CNN's partisan yell-fest "Crossfire" led, in part, to the show's cancellation.) When Stewart interviews conservative guests, his questioning is tough and pointed, but civil. He asks conservative guests to explain "what he is missing," or uses humor to defuse tension and foster connection.

Stewart rejects the premise that we are a "nation divided." Recall his response to Sarah Palin's 2008 description of small towns as "the Real America":

"So if small towns are real America, that would make big cities like Washington, D.C., and New York City the capitals of fake America … the ground zero, if you will, of anti-America—I bet bin Laden feels like a real a------ now, huh?"

Like many of us, Stewart's life changed on 9/11. His life didn't change in some abstract way, but in a "The view from my apartment was the World Trade Center and now it's gone" kind of way.

Immediately after the attacks, Stewart admitted that "our show has changed. I don't doubt that. What it's become, I don't know."

Now we know.

"The Daily Show" became a defender of those whose lives were most affected by 9/11 and the wars that followed. It became a place where young people coming of age would turn for political perspective and respite from an often-dismal political reality. It became a critic of harmful media norms—incivility, sensationalism, and ratings-driven news. It became a model of partisan talk that is simultaneously passionate, playful and polite.

It also became a place where we could be frustrated by politics but reaffirmed in our conviction that something better is possible.

As Stewart stated post-9/11: "I grieve, but I do not despair."

This is what Stewart has given us during this trying period in our nation's history. A place where we can weep for our ills, but laugh, knowing that something better is possible.

Grief without despair.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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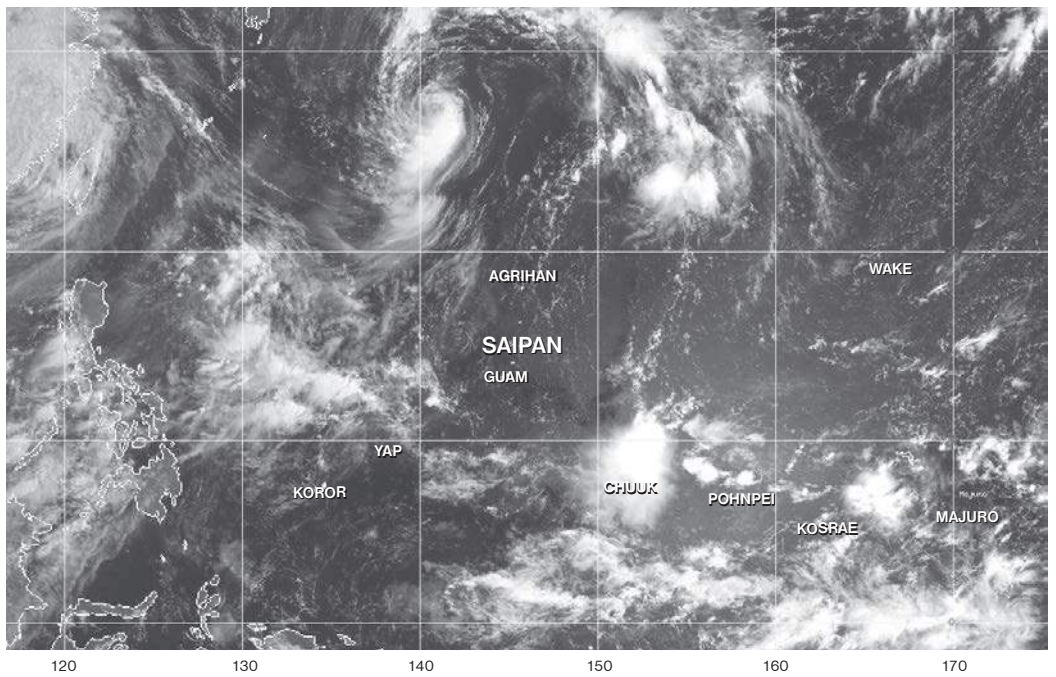
## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent southwest winds over the Philippine sea north of Koror and Yap are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of a line from 21N131E to 12N139e. Converging surface winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Minami Tori Shima north of a line from 22N153E to 23N159E. A surface trough runs southeastward from near Guam at 13N145E through two weak circulations centered northeast of Chuuk at 8N155E and north of Kosrae at 8N162E to beyond the date line at 2N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near the trough and circulations just north of Chuuk and Majuro but near Pohnpei and Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 11N151E to 7N164E to 12N180. Similar conditions are also seen farther south between the equator and 5N from 142E to 177E.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

## Micronesia

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| Guam And Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Palau | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Pohnpei | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Kosrae | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼77 |
| Majuro | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼77 |

## Around the Globe

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|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲53 | ▼39 |
| Beijing | Showers | ▲93 | ▼69 |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorms | ▲89 | ▼80 |
| Honolulu | Windy | ▲89 | ▼76 |
| London | Showers | ▲76 | ▼58 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲81 | ▼61 |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | ▲88 | ▼76 |
| Melbourne | Showers | ▲58 | ▼45 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲91 | ▼78 |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼70 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲98 | ▼77 |
| Paris | Mostly Sunny | ▲85 | ▼63 |
| Pusan | Partly Cloudy | ▲95 | ▼79 |
| Rome | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼70 |
| Salem | Partly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼58 |
| San Francisco | Sunny | ▲71 | ▼59 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲90 | ▼72 |
| Tokyo | Thunderstorms | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼73 |

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

## Tides

Saipan Harbor

| | | | |
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| 4:07 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 11:44 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.1 Feet |
| 6:54 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.6 Feet |
| 11:54 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.1 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 6:02 AM | 6:44 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:02 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:02 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Thursday | 6:02 AM | 6:42 PM |
| Friday | 6:02 AM | 6:42 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

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|---|---|---|
| Today | 2:01 AM | 3:08 PM |
| Tuesday | 2:53 AM | 3:59 PM |
| Wednesday | 3:45 AM | 4:48 PM |
| Thursday | 4:37 AM | 5:35 PM |
| Friday | 5:27 AM | 6:18 PM |

*Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.*

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### DEPARTURES

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 |

#### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 2:55pm | 6, 7 |

#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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| UA5039 | 3:25pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 |

#### SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

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| DL287 | 6:05am | 1:05am+1 | 2, 6 via NRT |

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

| | | | |
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| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:15pm | Daily |

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

| | | | |
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| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:20am | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 5:25am | 9:10am | 4, 5 |
| 7C3401 | 3:15pm | 7:35pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3401 | 4:20pm | 8:05pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |

#### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

#### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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| MU764 | 1:30am | 5:30am | 3, 5, 7 |

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

#### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/701 | 2:25am | 11:05am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 3:20am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | Daily via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/275 | 6:05am | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:20pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |

#### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/721 | 2:25am | 11:50am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 3:20am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5039/179 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:10pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:00pm | 1:50pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | 1, 5 |

#### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

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| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 1:35pm | 2, 4 |

#### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA5038 | 2:05pm | 2:40pm | 2, 4 |

#### PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 4:30am | 2:55pm | 3, 7 via NRT |

#### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 3, 4, 5, 7 |

#### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 8:45am | 2:15pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ6053 | 7:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 |
| OZ625 | 8:20pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

#### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |

#### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

#### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

#### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

#### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL276/288 | 9:30am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/6053 | 12:15pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 1:50pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:25pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:10pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 7:30am+1 | 2 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

#### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/6053 | 1:10pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:35pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

#### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
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#### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
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#### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:45AM | 8:15AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

#### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

# SBA stands ready to assist

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.**—Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to the island of Saipan businesses and residents as a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet announced.

The declaration covers the island of Saipan as a result of Typhoon Soudelor that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015.

"The SBA is strongly committed to providing the island of Saipan with the most effective and customer-focused response possible and with access to federal disaster loans to help businesses and residents affected by the typhoon," said Contreras-Sweet. "Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA."

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to businesses and homeowners to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

Disaster loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 1.875 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

To be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, victims must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency at (800) 621-FEMA (3362). As soon as Federal-State Disaster Recovery Centers open throughout the affected area, SBA will provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants. Additional information and details on the location of disaster recovery centers is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955. ***(SBA)***

# USDA agencies provide producers and community with safety nets

**HONOLULU**—Agricultural producers and others who were negatively impacted by Typhoon Soudelor may be eligible for assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development have marshalled staffing resources and programs to support the long-term recovery for businesses and families in the CNMI.

Farm Service Agency program resources for commercial agricultural producers include:

n Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance helps to offset production losses for those producers who were signed-up for the program in advance.

■ Tree Assistance Program is available for qualifying fruit orchardists of papaya, banana and tropical fruits. The program provides cost share to clean up, rehabilitate and replant.

■ Livestock Indemnity Program helps offset ranchers' losses of cattle, goats or sheep.

■ Emergency Livestock, Honey Bee and Farm Raised Fish may be available to producers with losses of livestock, honey bees and fish.

■ Farm Loan Programs offers low-interest loan to assist qualified producers with cost of cleanup and replanting or restocking. Existing borrowers with FSA should contact their loan officer once they anticipate having problems making their regular payments, as FSA may be able to modify their payment schedule or help them to meet other needs. Emergency Loans are available for qualified borrowers due to the Presidential Disaster Declaration.

Tom Camacho, county executive director for FSA Guam and CNMI, reported, "Farm Service Agency will be on Saipan on Aug. 8-11 to make assessments of the damages to farms and ranches. Producers with damages will be asked to complete required reports of losses, so that assistance can be quickly and efficiently provided to qualifying farmers."

Farm Loan Program technician Doreen Rivera said, "Individuals who have questions about availability of loans to meet financial needs during this challenging time and to restore their farm or ranch operations should contact the FSA County Office. Farm Service Agency is here to provide that critical financial safety net."

"Based upon initial reports of damages in Saipan and Tinian, we are very concerned for producers' livelihoods as they begin recovery from the storm," said, Diane Ley, State Executive Director for FSA in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin. "The FSA County Office staff are ready to assist producers every step of the way with applications for assistance."

Producers can call the FSA County Office at 234-0896 to schedule an appointment. When calling in, producers should be prepared to provide the following information:

■ Name and contact information to allow for follow-up scheduling of an appointment

■ Location of farm

■ Type of crop

■ Estimated acres/trees lost or percentage of crop lost

■ Description of structural damage

■ Assistance requested; e.g., disaster assistance or farm loan

For more information about FSA's programs including what to do in advance of the next disaster visit www.fsa.usda.gov/hi or for a more comprehensive look at USDA disaster assistance visit: www.usda.gov/disaster.

In addition, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service partners with Conservation Districts and others to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners. The main goal of NRCS is to protect, enhance, and preserve our soil, water, air, plants, and animals using sound science and expertise. NRCS has two programs that may be utilized following the natural disaster:

[if !supportLists]· [endif] Emergency Watershed Protection is NRCS's main cost-share program available to local governments for recovery assistance in regards to watershed impairments that pose threats to life and property, such as debris clogged streams and landslides.

[if !supportLists]· [endif]Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) can also be used to reapply previously installed contracted practices that were damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster. Eligible applicants must have an active or current EQIP contract.

"We are anxious to inform you of the federal assistance available to help you recover from this natural disaster," said Bruce Petersen, NRCS Director for the Pacific Islands Area.

Ag producers may contact NRCS in Guam at (671) 300-8576 or (670) 287-0807 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. To learn more about the NRCS programs and services available, visit www.pia.nrcs.usda.gov.

The USDA's Rural Development is exploring ways to provide support and assistance to the CNMI community. For more information contact the RD Office in Guam at (671) 472-7361 or visit http://www.rd.usda.gov/hi. ***(USDA)***


# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Dormant Deposit Accounts

The Dormant Deposit Accounts listed below are currently held at the Bank of Saipan and have been inactive. If you believe you have a claim to any of these accounts, please make your claim at the Chalan Kanoa Branch of Bank of Saipan before October 1, 2015.

**Names**
Lee, Hyo Jung
Guo, Wu Li
He, Yang / Han, Yu Xiang / He, Jian Zhong
Chhetri, Laxman K
Gu, Shu Fang
Hermo, Elmo Faris
Innoasset Limited
Chen, Xiao Yan
Manglona, Prudencio PB Maintenance Services
Guan, Shan Ling
Kolochko, Mikhail
Kang, Wenjun
Kim, Joo Young
Qiqihar Zhongwei Co Ltd dba Saimei Market

Pursuant to Public Law 18-69, any unclaimed deposits remaining from this list after October 1, 2015 will be paid to the "CNMI TREASURER" and delivered to the Department of Commerce, Banking Division. Therefore, any claims made after October 1, 2015 must be made at the CNMI Department of Commerce, Banking Division.

**BANK OF SAIPAN**



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
**Office of the Secretary of Public Works**
2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center
Saipan, MP 96950

## INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-009

**FITME PLACE ROAD IMPROVEMENT, SAIPAN, CNMI**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Fitme Place Road Improvement, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 27, 2015** at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 13, 2015**, 9:00a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 21, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho , Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders knows to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or it the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-009**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 01, 2015.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 01, 2015** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 01, 2015** and must be received no later than **September 11, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 14, 2015**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **September 01, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§ 70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a.) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b.) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1.) Cash
2.) US Gov't. Securities
3.) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4.) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5.) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice of Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (US$150.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfections in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quality, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

# 13 additional GPA personnel assisting CUC

Thirteen more crewmembers from the Guam Power Authority have joined their counterparts from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. on island to assist in efforts to restore power and water throughout the island.

Melinda Camacho, GPA assistant general manager of Operations, said that when she received the call from acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres regarding the status of utilities on island, GPA was very happy to lend a helping hand to its neighbors to the north.

"It is the right thing to do to assist our northern neighbors in getting their lives back to normal. We have the utmost confidence in the expertise of both GPA and CUC. They will be able get Saipan's power system up quickly even after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor," said Camacho.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Guam Power Authority has sent 11 more personnel to assist in efforts to restore power and water throughout the island.

The 13 additional GPA personnel bring the total to 23 GPA employees on Saipan. That number includes linemen crew, heavy equipment operators, transportation mechanics, safety officers, generation maintenance personnel, and engineers.

Acting governor Torres expressed his gratitude to GPA for the additional support they are providing for CUC, which continues to work around the clock on utilities restoration for the entire island.

"I want to thank the Guam Power Authority for not hesitating to assist us when I called them. They have gone above and beyond to help our hardworking responders in CUC restore water and electricity to our residents as soon as possible. I cannot express my appreciation to them and CUC enough," Torres said. ***(Emergency Operations Center)***

## Memorial service held for late attorney F. Matthew Smith

**By FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The Hibiscus Hall at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan was packed yesterday for the memorial service of long-time Commonwealth Development Authority legal counsel F. Matthew Smith, who passed away last Aug. 1 at the age of 49 at his residence on Capital Hill.

Carter Smith, 16, told *Saipan Tribune* that his father, who had diabetes, passed away in his sleep.

Carter, who is the youngest of four children, said when he woke up and went downstairs at about 6am, he saw his father lying on the couch.

"He was watching TV and fell asleep," he said. "He was good, very friendly, nice."

Carter's sister, Madison, flew from Utah, to help arrange the memorial service and cremation for their father.

Carter, who grew up on Saipan, said he too is going to the U.S. mainland.

Smith's wife, Christina, died in 2013. The couple left behind four children: Taylor, Madison, Harrison, and Carter.

Businessman Del Benson assisted Madison in preparing the memorial service. The original venue was the church, but they moved it to Fiesta Resort because of lack of power and water.

About 14 people spoke at the memorial service. Smith's younger brother was also present at the memorial service. Many lawyers, church members, and friends attended the service.

Benson said Smith was like a brother to him.

"We worked together all the time. We communicated. We've known each other since he came on island. And we're very close for the past 20 years," said Benson, who burst into tears during the interview.

Benson said he and Smith shared life stories, life experiences, and their kids' growing up.

Benson said Smith came to the island in 1992 or 1993, when he then worked for the law office of attorney Vicente Salas.

He said Smith left in 1998 and went to New Mexico, but returned in 2000 and then became a partner at Salas' law office.

Benson said when Salas semi-retired, Smith put up his own law office.

"He's very close to Ben Salas and family," he said.

Attroney Mark Scoggins, who is a partner at Smith's law office, said he worked with Smith for nine years.

"He's kind, generous, honest. Always thinking about other people instead of himself," said Scoggins, who also could not stop his tears.

Scoggins said Smith had serious health problems and had been mourning over his wife's passing.

"So many times he came so close to just not making it through. He never lost his sense of humor. Never started thinking of himself rather than other people," he said.

Smith was the producer of *Baptists at Our Barbecue*, a 2004 comedy based on a 1996 novel by his brother, Robert Farrell Smith.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Nola Hix-Petersburg recalled yesterday how the late attorney F. Matthew Smith sent his son to her office just to give her an envelope that contained a certificate for free movies as a gift for her wedding. Hix-Petersburg was among 14 people who spoke about Smith during a memorial service at a packed Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort.

## Sportswriter Perez survives bus-car collision

*Saipan Tribune* sportswriter Jonathan Perez survived a serious vehicular accident when a tourist bus rammed his 2005 Mazda MPV van along Chalan Pale Arnold traffic lights in front of Bank of Hawaii in Garapan in the afternoon of July 31.

Perez, 38, suffered a fractured left clavicle and bruises on the left side of his face. He was discharged from the Commonwealth Health Center on Tuesday.

The driver, Fernando Estela, of Tasi Tours, was issued traffic citations for failure to yield and other violation, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information to the media about the accident due to computer problems.

*Saipan Tribune* gathered that Perez was driving his Mazda MPV van at the traffic light intersection on his way to the southbound lane of Chalan Pale Arnold coming from Bank of Hawaii when a northbound lane tour bus struck the driver side of the van.

The bus dragged the van, causing it to spin and fall into a ditch about four feet deep on the shoulder of the road. Medics arrived and brought Perez to the hospital.

Traffic investigators interviewed the bus driver and later gave him citations. The wrecked van was towed. The bus had minor damage on the front portion. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Traffic officer Juan Mendiola conducts investigation at the scene while Commonwealth Utilities Corp. information officer Brad Ruszala calls *Saipan Tribune* about a vehicular accident that injured sports writer Jonathan Perez at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold (Middle Road) near Bank of Hawaii in Garapan on Friday afternoon. Also in the photo is a staff of a towing company.

## Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. Marines and U.S. Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 9 from 10am to 5pm
- Aug. 10 from 1-10pm
- Aug. 12 from noon to 3pm
- Aug. 13 from 1-6pm
- Aug. 15 from 10am to 5pm

The U.S. Marines will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Aug. 9 from 10am to 5pm
- Aug. 10-13 from 10:30am to 8:30pm
- Aug. 14 from 10:30am to 4:30pm
- Aug. 15 from 9am to 6pm

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00»N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

STORIES FROM THE SHELTER:

# 'We lost everything'

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Around 11pm on Sunday night, as the strong winds of Typhoon Soudelor was peeling away the roof of their home. Bernie Rahman and her four children took cover under their sink. Wet and shivering with terror, the family could do nothing but wait for the winds to die down.

Some 9 miles away in San Roque, Nestor Basallo was clinging to the door of his house to protect himself, his wife, and their son after their roof got blown off. When the winds stopped howling, they ran for their lives to the Aqua Resort Club across the street where they sought refuge.

These two families are among more than 300 who reported major damage to their homes after Typhoon Soudelor laid waste to Saipan last Sunday, Aug. 3.

By daybreak, when they returned to check on their houses, they had no homes to check up on. The houses that took them years to build were now gone. They described what happened to them as "losing everything."

Rahman, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* at the San Vicente Elementary School shelter, asked: "Where were the first responders when I dialed 911 to save my family?"

"We tried to call 911 and they told me that they would send help. …We were there for 10 minutes with my kids under the kitchen sink…I ran to my neighbors and asked for help and they did [help us], but we didn't go to the shelter until after the storm," she said.

"My own family helped and without my neighbors…I don't know, I risked my life because I was thinking about my kids…they weren't there and I don't know why 911 was busy," she added.

She and her four kids went to the shelter the following day, Aug. 3, with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"Where is the assistance? I am glad that they are providing food and the shelter but what happens next? No one has come yet to speak to us. The least they can do is give us something so that I can at least purchase clothing and materials for me and my kids," she said.

Basallo and his wife, Nomielada, and their son, Glenn Mark, spoke about their harrowing experience and even showed a video they took of what happened during the storm.

Hearing the horrifying screams of his 13-year-old son crying for his mom, Basallo knew exactly what to do when the first winds of Soudelor ravaged their roof: "We ran for our lives."

In the video, Basallo is seen calling his wife and son, shouting at them to make a run for it. A roofing tin was blocking the door. Basallo moved the tin and they made a run for it to Aqua Resort Club.

"If it wasn't for the door and the helmets that we were wearing, I am not even sure if we would live to see tomorrow," Basallo said.

Glenn Mark said that he was shocked and horrified and had never experienced anything so scary in his life and was proud that his dad risked his life to save all of them. They are now at the Tanapag Middle School shelter.

"We lost everything…we have nowhere to stay," Basallo said. While they do have their important documents, his son's passport is gone and a lot of their electronics, household items, and everything else are now wet.

Before the storm hit, Mangarero Enrique had already sought shelter with his family at San Vicente Elementary School. However, his son and daughter-in-law stayed back.

Mangarero said that during the typhoon, his son and daughter-in-law had to run to their bathroom to hide as the roof blew off; luckily they survived.

"Everything is gone now… The next day, as I made my way to the house, my son called me and said 'Dad the house is gone'…I pulled out to the driveway and just stared. I had a headache. I was thinking at what I am going to do now," Mangarero said.

Mangarero said that he lost all their clothes, the bed and furniture are damaged, electronics are gone, and majority of other household items are wet. He hopes that his nephew, who has a spare home, would lend it to him for a couple of months.

# DPS chief: Priority is restoring all basic operational capabilities

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety is currently working to address challenges related to damage to several of its infrastructure and the lack of basic utility services such as power and water access to the department, according to DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

» Police lack power and water access

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that recovery operations aside, his priority as DPS commissioner is to restore all basic operational capabilities of the department.

He said any and all efforts pertaining to the typhoon recovery operation by the CNMI government, inclusive of DPS, should be directed to the Joint Information Center.

The commissioner said a substantial amount of DPS resources, as in the case with other Commonwealth agencies, have been integrated into the Incident Command System as established under the Unified Command Structure of the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

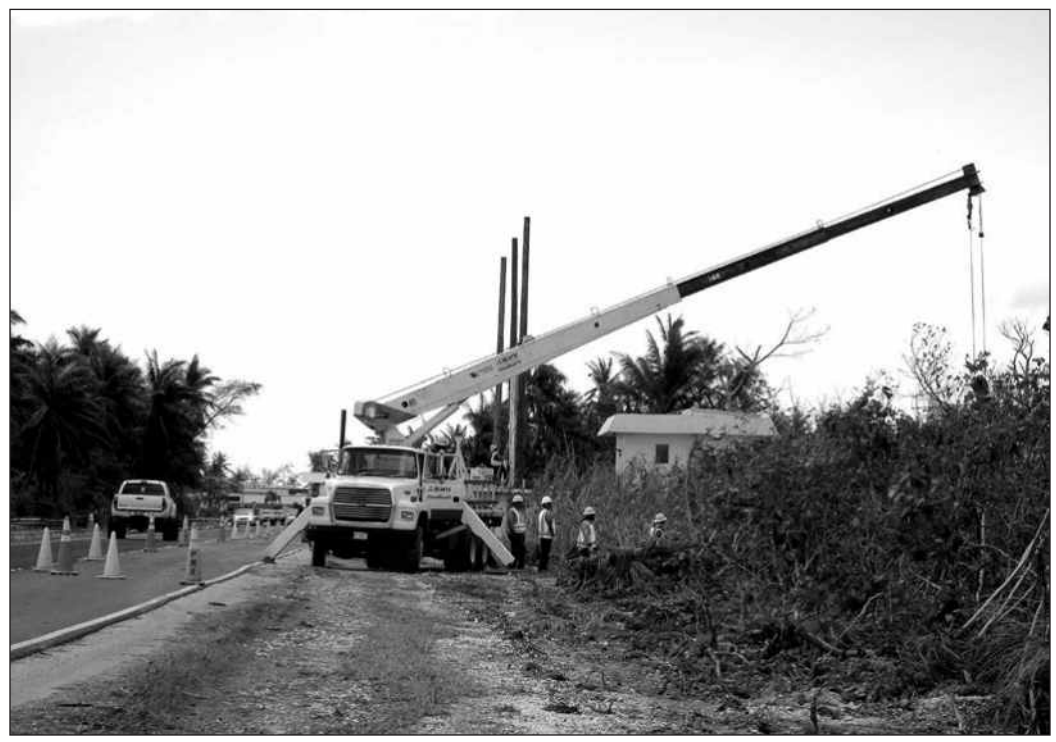
Deleon Guerrero said the emergency and disaster declarations by acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres and President Obama are welcome news for the public safety community as this will now allow for a joint federal and state response to address critical services and infrastructure challenges as well as public assistance needs of the community.

He said DPS' top priority is to continue to maintain public safety and security at its current heightened and increased level for as long as is required.

"I thank the men and women of our department, our Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Public Works and Parks and Recreation crews, other state law enforcement and public safety partners, the American Red Cross, public shelter staff and volunteers, the Government of Guam, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and our U.S. Armed Services for all their hard work and sacrifices," the commissioner said.

Deleon Guerrero said many of them have not taken a day off since this crisis began.

He said he has faith in the resiliency of the people of the CNMI to get through this as with other challenges in the past.



**RESTORATION WORK** FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew try to fix several downed power poles near the Chalan Kiya Electrical Substation yesterday. Hundreds of CUC poles were toppled by the powerful winds brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

# More relief efforts pour in for Saipan typhoon victims

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Numerous donations and contributions for relief efforts continue to pour in for Saipan in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, which leveled hundreds of homes and left thousands of local residents without power and electricity.

Pacific Century Fellows Class of 2015's Ed Arriola Jr. is collaborating with his fellow PCF Class of 2015 batchmates, Guam senators Frank Blas, Tony Ada, Tina Barnes, Ray Gibson, and Mindy Aguon and the rest of the Ayuda Foundation in the relief effort.

Arriola said that so far Matson Navigation has donated a container and the relief goods inside the container—donated by the Guam community—will be distributed to Saipan via a U.S Navy ship.

The container is already half full with bottled water and other items and announcements of drop off dates are on Saturday and Monday at the University of Guam's Fieldhouse.

"Based on the number of calls and inquires to the Ayuda Foundation, this container will be full by the time it arrives. Our responsibility, as the receiving party [PFC Class of 2015] will be to properly distribute these items to the most needy. Understood that one container will not help all those in need," Arriola said.

"We want to make sure that we, as Fellows, are responsible in properly distributing these items out to those most in need. We're going to distribute in the most effective way as of now and that is we personally drive and drop to those most in need. We will reach out to the village level and the American Red Cross to give us data on who needs these items. Then we'll pack and distribute equally," he added.

Arriola said that many friends in Guam were calling and messaging his father and inquiring if they could do anything to help.

He also said that PFC Class of 2015 wanted to recognize those people on the ground that are donating their time, efforts, and money to help those in need.

In a Facebook post, Blas thanked everyone for the Saipan typhoon relief drive.

"Thank you as well to Matson Navigation for the 40-foot container, Pacific Trucking for delivering the container, Johnny Cool for the use of forklift, the Santa Teresita Parish for the food, and most especially to Dave Okada and the UOG staff for use of the facility," Blas stated.

"We will continue to accept donations of bottled water, paper products, non-perishable food, rice, hand wipes, toiletries, disposable diapers, batteries, and other items you believe may be useful to the victims of the storm," he added.

Relief drives will be held today, Monday, from 8am to 5pm.

Arriola said that they had already started filling the container yesterday and will continue until Tuesday in Guam.

"They will send it up here on Thursday and as soon as it arrives the Fellows will be distributing and go ahead and distribute it out as soon as we get them," Arriola said.

# Torres to Cabinet heads: 'Use all your resources'

By JOEL PINAROC
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Acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres has issued marching orders to all government department heads to use all available resources as recovery efforts continue on Saipan.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said an emergency meeting was convened by Torres on Sunday morning to give the instructions and provide updates to the department heads.

"This was a last-minute Cabinet meeting. The acting governor gave a list of action plans to the Cabinet heads," Blanco said.

On top of the action plan for the departments is to use all available resources on a cleanup drive for the island.

Blanco said the departments have been instructed to prioritize Beach Road.

While cleared for traffic, Beach Road, one of the very few major thoroughfares on Saipan, is still littered with decaying debris.

Blanco said the cleanup is also for tourism and as a "psychological" boost to the community.

Beach Road was a green, tree-lined road that is often frequented by locals and tourists until Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan and devastated the whole island.

## Cabinet heads

It was a "working weekend" for most CNMI departments, according to Public Lands Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio.

Tenorio said the departments have been tapped for the recovery efforts. "We talked about organizing to make things move forward, and also talked about trying to clean up the island," Tenorio said.

He added that "today [Sunday] is a work day for the Cabinet, which only affirms how urgent the situation is."

Tenorio said some of the departments' staff have been requested to coordinate with the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

"What the acting governor asked is for everybody to cooperate," he said.

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman said the acting governor asked that "all able-bodied" staff help in the cleanup. He said some of the staff are also involved in the distribution of relief goods.

Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero said the department continues to work with a "skeleton crew."

"We continue to work closely with the U.S. Department of Labor on unemployment assistance, and national emergency grants," she said, adding that the department is "trying to operate the office, despite lack of water and power."

She added that "everybody has a certain responsibility, and all of us are in this together."

# Typhoon Soudelor Relief Efforts

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Seventeen generators of various sizes and capacities were brought to Saipan by USS *Ashland*.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Trucks carrying supplies arrive at American Memorial Park at almost 5pm yesterday.

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Residents started registering as early as 9am at American Memorial Park as they await relief distribution.

Long line snake outside Hopwood Jr. High School. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Residents wait under the sun for relief goods. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Vehicles for relief efforts were also brought in by the U.S. Marine Corps. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

DENNIS B. CHAN

U.S. Marines help unload water for the hundreds of residents waiting at Hopwood Junior High School yesterday.

Registration for water and MRE distribution at AMP. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Unloading of water and MREs finally begin at AMP. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Forklift was used to unload relief supplies. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Some fortunate residents waited under shade inside Hopwood Jr. High.

JOEL D. PINAROC
A crane at the Port of Saipan lifts relief goods from the USS *Ashland*.

DENNIS B. CHAN
Acting governor Ralph Torres addresses reporters at the Port of Saipan with a row of unloaded relief supplies behind him.

Residents asked to organize as relief supplies arrive at AMP. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

A lift moves supplies at the Saipan port. DENNIS B. CHAN

Over 1,500 residents registered to receive relief at AMP. FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

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Acting governor Ralph Torres, US Navy Rear admiral Bette Bolivar, and Department of Corrections Robert Guerrero leave the Saipan airport.

DENNIS B. CHAN
FEMA federal liaison officer Stephen DeBlasio addresses reporters before a tour of the USS *Ashland*.

DENNIS B. CHAN
This patient lady was the first to receive her relief goods at the distribution center after waiting through the morning and hot afternoon at Hopwood Junior High School yesterday.

DENNIS B. CHAN
Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Maryann Lizama watches with U.S. Marine Corp soldiers the touch-down of two V-22 Ospreys yesterday morning.

# Focus

# Faces of Ferguson: Locals' stories reflect hopes and tension

**FERGUSON, Mo.** (AP)—With a scuffle and the crackle of gunfire, this once-anonymous suburb was permanently scarred a year ago.

Last August, the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, by a white police officer, Darren Wilson, sparked sometimes violent clashes between protesters and police, unfolding before the nation on live television. Difficult questions raised here about law enforcement attitudes toward minorities and the militarization of police now reverberate across the country.

For the people who've lived through the turmoil, now is a time to reflect back and look ahead. Here are a few of their stories:

## THE SHOPKEEPER

The first time Ferguson exploded in rage, Juanita Morris was spared.

Three windows and the door were broken at her clothing store, Fashions R Boutique, but surprisingly, nothing was stolen. Morris, who was on a business trip to Las Vegas, thought the protesters had vented and calm would return.

In November, though, after a grand jury decided not to indict Wilson, she wasn't as lucky. Cars were vandalized, shots fired and businesses went up in flames—including her own.

First word came in a text from a pastor: "Sorry about your store and I'm praying for you."

She wondered what he was talking about. Then, on TV, she saw giant fireballs reducing her life's work to ashes.

"It's like seeing 28 years of hard labor go up in smoke," Morris says. "I was more devastated than angry."

Still, a few weeks later, Morris began looking to reopen. She had regular customers, many of them seniors who shopped at the "church woman's store" for their Sunday finest—brightly colored wide hats, scarves and tailored suits. And she had new friends and champions.

Days after the fire, a college student who'd seen Morris on TV, along with two buddies, established a crowdfunding campaign to help supplement her insurance.

About 700 donations poured in from across the U.S., Australia, Germany and elsewhere. "I'm thinking, `My God, these people don't even know me,'" she says. "They just kept writing, letting me know that they're praying for me." Donations totaled more than $23,000, ranging from $5 to $500, including one from a pensioner who said Morris' lack of rancor spurred him to contribute.

By March, Morris had a temporary shop in a strip mall. This fall, she'll move to a new store in nearby Florissant. The rebuilding in Ferguson, she says, is moving too slowly and some elderly customers have told her they don't feel safe returning to the area now.

Morris says she was comforted by a letter from a student at a junior high that had "adopted" her, hosting a dinner for her and giving her $100. "If there's no rain, there's no rainbow," the girl wrote, a message Morris took to heart.

"If there's no trouble in your life, how would you grow?" Morris asks. "This was a trying time for me and ... I've learned that I'm not a quitter. I've learned that I'm a woman of courage, a woman of strength and a woman with determination that never gives up."

## THE PASTOR

The Rev. Willis Johnson sees something enduring about the protest movement that took hold here last summer.

"So many times before when similar things have happened across this country we have raged against the machine but then we have settled down," he says. "There was a collection of energy as well as specific people that said, `No, no, not this time.' That was surprising and yet, it was eerily refreshing."

As the protests continued from summer into fall, Johnson says he was inspired and reminded of the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

"I think many of us have been re-ignited, re-engaged ... even challenged by this particular generation and this particular movement to fire back up," he says.

As pastor of Wellspring Church, Johnson tried to be a soothing force, walking across the street to the police station where some protesters had massed last August after Brown was killed. Weaving through the crowds, he offered a comforting hand on a shoulder or calming words to agitated protesters.

Johnson's church also opened its doors to local kids when schools were closed, hosted two NPR national town hall meetings and, during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, welcomed 13 members of the Congressional Black Caucus who'd come in a show of solidarity.

Now that things are quieter, Johnson, 40, has time to ponder the future of Ferguson. He sees reasons for hope—and cause for concern.

"Just as there are those who have awakened, we will have the Rip Van Winkles of the community ... (whose) behaviors are even more entrenched," he says. "You see that at community meetings, in the language. There's still some of that `them and us' and `over there.'"

AP

In this Thursday, July 23, 2015 photo, Ferguson Police Sgt. Dominica Fuller pauses during an interview in Ferguson, Mo.

Johnson points out that numerous task forces have formed to address city problems. Although there's no single plan with all the answers, there is, he says, an acknowledgment that the old ways don't work.

"We need to do something different," he says, "and we know we want to feel a hell of lot different than we've felt for the last year. ... It's going to require us to do everything and ignore the fact that we can't any longer do nothing."

## THE POLICE OFFICER

It's the ugly images—protesters throwing rocks and police lobbing tear gas—that many Americans think of when they hear the word Ferguson.

But for police Sgt. Dominica Fuller, something positive also emerged from the chaos: a new unity forged among the officers who faced name-calling, taunts and threats.

"I'm not going to lie to you ... it was tough, it was rough for all of us," she says. "You went through the pain of seeing the hatred that people had, not for you as an individual, but for the badge, for the uniform you wear. It was hard. I mean, we have feelings. We're officers but, yet, still we're human beings as well. ... It did hurt me."

Fuller, 44, rejects what she calls a media perception that the Ferguson police "were racist, that we're mean, that we targeted black people. Well, I'm black, so you mean to tell me because we have a disagreement I'm a racist? That's not true." She's one of five black members on the 50-person force.

In March, the Justice Department released a blistering report that found the city's police had engaged in sweeping patterns of bias against black residents in recent years. It concluded that blacks—about two-thirds of Ferguson's population—accounted for the overwhelming number of arrests, tickets and cases of excessive use of police force.

Fuller, who was promoted in May, won't discuss the findings, but says officers were affected by what they saw and heard on the streets.

"It made us take a look at ourselves," says Fuller, a 17-year veteran. "It made us want to become more active (in the community). You've got to remember these people were yelling stuff. ... It allowed us to finally open up our ears to listen to some of them ... the ones that really had a purpose to being out there."

One difference: When police pull over motorists now, she says, they're "not so quick to write a ticket" and have learned to listen and show "a little bit more compassion."

The department is making "positive changes," Fuller adds, but "nothing happens overnight. It's going to take some time. ... This is our opportunity to show another state, another department that's having the same problem (they) can learn from us."

## THE ACTIVIST

Emily Davis had never been a political activist in the decade she's lived in Ferguson.

But the presence of police in riot gear and armored vehicles filling the streets "terrorized the citizens," she says, and spurred her to get involved.

She attended city council meetings regularly, speaking often. She helped push for the recall of the mayor, joined ONE Ferguson, a community group dedicated to addressing racial and other disparities, and protested for several months.

"I thought if I'm out here ... eventually my city has to listen," says the 38-year-old mother of three. "It's my job to say, `I don't like this as a white person, either. It's not OK you're treating other citizens in my community that way.'"

A year later, she says, tensions in Ferguson persist- only now there are new fault lines.

"There's a lot of resentment that wasn't there before," Davis says. "The divisions are deeper."

While much of the spotlight last year was on black residents' mistrust of the predominantly white police force, Davis says there are new fractures among white residents, some of whom feel maligned by the Justice Department's findings.

"You have people who feel that the protests destroyed their town and they feel unfairly attacked as racists," she says. "There are a lot of people who don't like each other."

There are rifts, too, between black and white residents, she adds. "I've had many people come up to me and say, `I used to talk to my neighbors all the time. We'd say `hi' on the street. We barbecued. We were best friends and we can't even look at each other anymore. We can't have a conversation."

Davis maintains Ferguson officials are running the city just as they did before last summer.

"Our city government has not become any more communicative," she says. "While some of the faces have changed, the actual fundamental way that people are treated and the way the community works has not really changed in the last year."

Yet some good has come from this turbulent year as more people have become politically involved, Davis adds.

"A lot of us," she says, "have found each other and gained strength from each other."

## THE COUNCILMAN

From that first night after Brown's shooting when Wesley Bell stood between protesters and police, hoping to keep the peace, he knew the world would be watching Ferguson in the months ahead.

"I wanted to be part of turning things around," he says. And with many urging him to seek office, he did. "You've kind of got to put up or shut up," he says.

In April, Bell, a lawyer, professor and head of the criminal justice department at St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley, was elected to the Ferguson City Council. He was one of two new black members chosen for the six-person board.

The 40-year-old Bell sees reason for optimism, ticking off recent developments: a fresh focus on community policing, town hall meetings, court reforms and new appointments to key posts, including a municipal judge, interim police chief and interim city manager. All three are black.

"You have a city whose institutions are beginning to reflect the population," Bell says. "I think so far, so good. Having said that, you're not going to see me pat myself on the back."

Bell, whose ward includes the area where Brown was killed, says he knows frustrations remain, especially among young black residents who feel alienated from the police—a problem he says isn't unique to Ferguson.

"Trust isn't something that you can just snap your fingers and now everyone's on board," he says. "There are citizens who are confident and feel good about what we're doing and there are still citizens who aren't. ... When you're talking about a city with policies and some things that may not have been as fair to all citizens, that's going to take some time."

He disputes those who say Ferguson has stood still.

"Now, have we gone far enough? Are we done?" he asks. "Are we ready to just say, hey, great job, move on? No. We've got a lot of work to do, but this city is moving in the right direction, and I think anyone who's being objective and fair can see that."

# Health & Fitness

## Study: Delay fatherhood until 25 to boost long life

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Here's some expert advice for would-be fathers: If possible, wait to have kids until you hit your mid-20s. Becoming a parent sooner raises the chances of an early death, new research suggests.

After analyzing health records of more than 30,000 fathers from Finland, researchers determined that men who had their first child before age 22 were 26 percent more likely to die between the ages of 45 and 54 than men who waited until they were at least 25. The youngest fathers were about 50 percent more likely to die early than men who put off having kids until they were at least 30.

"Parenting can be challenging for men—especially at an early age," said University of Helsinki sociologist Elina Einio, leader of a team that reported the findings this week in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

The fathers in the study were a representative sample of the Finnish population and were born between 1940 and 1950. Researchers used information from Statistics Finland, a public agency, to determine the age at which each of the men became fathers and whether they died between the ages of 45 and 54.

The pattern was clear: Men who fathered children at the youngest ages were more likely to die early, regardless of other factors like their marital status, education level, total number of children and region where they lived. Men who waited until they were at least 30 to have children were the most likely to survive past middle age.

Is there something about early parenthood that takes years off a father's life? Or is there some other social factor, like growing up in poverty, that simultaneously makes men more likely to have kids early and have health problems that increase their chances for an early death?

To address this question, the researchers combed through their group of fathers and identified nearly 12,000 men who had at least one brother. By looking at the midlife death rates for brothers who had children at different ages, the researchers could largely rule out factors like genetic traits and early-life social experiences that could affect the age at which men have kids and their age at death.

The researchers found that the link between early fatherhood and early death was particularly strong among siblings. In this group, men who became fathers before age 22 were 73 percent more likely to die in middle age than their brothers who put off parenthood until at least age 25. The data suggested that men who waited until their 30s were even more likely than the 25-year-old fathers to survive middle age, but the difference wasn't large enough to be statistically significant.

Many of the children born to the youngest fathers in the study were the result of unplanned pregnancies in the 1960s and 1970s, Einio said. Back then, there was significant social pressure for couples to get married if they accidentally conceived a child.

"Suddenly taking on the combined role of father and breadwinner may have caused considerable psychological and economic stress for a young man," Einio said. "Parenting at a young age can be difficult, and it is important that other family members and health professionals recognize that not only young mothers but also young fathers may need support."

Of the fathers who died between ages 45 and 54, the leading causes of death were heart disease (21 percent of deaths) and alcohol-related disease (16 percent of deaths).

Some of the risky behaviors that can lead to early fatherhood, such as unprotected sex and alcohol consumption, may also contribute to premature death, said Dr. Craig Garfield, a health researcher and pediatrician at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine who was not involved with the study.

The finding that young fathers tend to die earlier is cause for attention in the health care system, he said. In the United States, young men are the least likely of any demographic group to get regular health care, he added.

Pediatricians who see young fathers with their babies should encourage the men to take care of their own health in addition to their new families' well-being, Garfield said.

## Bodybuilding supplements fuel eating disorders in some men, study suggests

By KAREN KAPLAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Gym rats may seem to be the picture of good health, but a new study suggests that many men who prioritize their workouts are abusing legal bodybuilding supplements to achieve their lean and muscular look.

More than 40 percent of men surveyed by researchers from the California School of Professional Psychology in Alhambra said they had increased their use of supplements such as protein bars, creatine powder and glutamine capsules over time. The researchers said they were alarmed to discover that 29 percent of the men acknowledged that their use of the supplements might be damaging their health.

The findings, presented Thursday at the American Psychological Association's annual meeting in Toronto, should put risky supplement use "on the map" as an eating disorder that affects "a significant number of men," study leader Richard Achiro said in a statement.

The supplements are "widely available in grocery stores, nutritional food outlets and college bookstores," Achiro and his co-author Peter Theodore wrote in a summary of their research findings. The products "are marketed specifically toward men hoping to achieve an ideal ratio of fat to muscle," they said.

To see whether they were fueling eating disorders in some men, the pair surveyed 195 men older than 18 who said they worked out at least twice a week and had used some type of legal supplement in the previous 30 days.

The results revealed that 22 percent of the men said they had used the supplements as meal replacements, even though they're not designed for that. In addition, 8 percent of the men had been told by a doctor that they should cut back on their supplement use or stop taking them altogether, and 3 percent said the supplements had caused kidney or liver damage severe enough to land them in a hospital.

The survey responses also gave some clues about who was most likely to abuse the legal supplements. Men who had body dissatisfaction and low self-esteem were more likely to report using the pills, powders and protein bars, the researchers found. So were men who most internalized the cultural ideal of male bodies as lean and muscular and those who held traditional views about masculinity that were so rigid they caused distress.

"Excessive legal APED (appearance- and performance-enhancing drugs) use may represent a variant of disordered eating that threatens the health of gym-active men," the researchers concluded in their report.


*In Loving Memory of*

**Manuel Tenorio Sablan**

**Born to Life on November 19, 1928 and was called to his Eternal Rest on August 04, 2015.**

***In his new life, he now joins his***
**Wife:** †**Dolores Camacho Reyes Sablan**
**Parents:** †Jose Palacios Sablan
†Dolores Pangelinan Tenorio Sablan
**Parents-in-law:** †Jose Cruz Reyes
†Rufina Camacho Reyes

***His memories will live forever in the hearts of his:***
**Children, Grandchildren, & Great grandchildren:**
**Elizabeth** S. & Gordon Pratt
**Delia** Sablan Dado
**Robert Rudy** R. & Nola P. Sablan
**Viola** R. Sablan
**Mildred** S. & Oscar C. Torres
**Nora** S. & Rudy Dela Rosa
**Delbert** R. & Jeannie C. Sablan
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Jesus T. Sablan & Mariquita T. Sablan
Jose T. Sablan & †Maria D. Sablan
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†Benusto Reyes & Alfoncina Reyes
†Petra R. & †Jesus Babauta
†Mariana R. & †Antonio Guzman
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Margarita R. & Joaquin Tenorio
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†Bernadita C. Reyes
Juan C. & Petra Reyes
Remedio R. & David Sablan
Dora C. Reyes
**Loving Family at Heart:**
Juana & †Jose San Nicolas
Ana & †Herman Sablan
†Ana B. & †Manuel Babauta

***He will be greatly missed by numerous Grandchildren, Great grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces, Relatives and Friends.***

Daily mass of intentions for the repose of his soul is being celebrated each evening at Kristo Rai Church, Beach Road Garapan at 5:30pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to Mount Carmel Cathedral, Chalan Kanoa Saipan. Responso Service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am at Mount Carmel Catherdral followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest with his wife †Dolores.

Please join us in prayers.
***Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase***

**Children and Family of the late**
**†Manuel Tenorio Sablan and †Dolores Camacho Reyes Sablan**

# Life & Style

## Sky's not the limit for physics whiz Sabrina Pasterski

By ALISON BOWEN
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Sabrina Pasterski, 22, of Chicago, poses for a portrait on July 20, 2015 in Chicago. Pasterski is currently getting her Ph.D. at Harvard.

Sabrina Pasterski has always rushed toward the next goal, sometimes charting a path quite different from her peers'—whether it was learning to fly a plane long before she learned to drive a car, anticipating the next motorcycle she'll buy or plotting dreams for a future in physics. The 22-year-old always has bigger plans.

When she returns to Harvard University in September, she'll be pursuing her doctorate in theoretical high energy physics at the Center for the Fundamental Laws of Nature. Prior to Harvard, she graduated in 2013—in just three years—at the top of her physics class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the first woman to do so in decades. In July, she was one of 12 honored with a $250,000 Hertz Fellowship, designed to invest in the future of scientific exploration.

Her fascination with what's above Earth began early. As a child, Pasterski, who attended Chicago Public Schools' Edison Regional Gifted Center, decided she wanted to send someone to Mars. At 12, an age when many struggle with sustaining their attention span for homework, she spent nearly two years building an airplane that she later piloted herself, flying above the shoreline of Lake Michigan. (She had to secure special permission from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly the plane.)

She built the plane, she said, after a teacher from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in Aurora (where she attended high school), upon hearing she had flown a plane, replied: "That's nice, but what have you done lately?"

"That's become my mantra ever since," Pasterski says. "That's nice, but what have you done lately?"

These days, achievements like speaking at the same event as former Secretary of State Colin Powell or researching spaceflight at NASA come up almost as an afterthought. Her website includes a long roster of her accomplishments. The down-to-earth Pasterski, a first-generation Cuban-American, talked to us about successes, setbacks ... and chocolate. Following is an edited transcript.

**Q: How did you go from being a regular kid enjoying a Chicago summer to "I want to build an airplane?"**

**A:** When I was little, I was interested in aerospace. I wanted to build spacecraft. I was never that into sci-fi as much, because there's so much science fact that's so interesting. But I think science fairs probably started some of it.

**Q: Tell me about the first time you went up in a plane, at 9 years old.**

**A:** The first time was a discovery flight (which typically includes both instruction and a quick time in the air with a flight instructor). It was basically along the shoreline. That was really gorgeous. It's a nice feeling. It gives you a different perspective; everything's so much smaller.

**Q: After many early achievements, you were wait-listed at MIT and initially didn't get into Harvard. After a string of successes, that must have been tough. What did you learn from that experience?**

**A:** It was an interesting experience because it might have actually pushed me a little bit to re-evaluate where I wanted to be. (It) was a bit of a blow. At some level, I'm glad that I didn't (apply to more schools), because if I had a safety school, I don't know if I could have pushed myself in off the wait list.

You can either take it as "Well, I'm not worthy of getting into MIT" (or) "No, I am worthy of getting into MIT." I took it more as a motivation. I don't think I would have cared as much about doing well academically had it not been for the fact that I had something to prove. When you start seeing that people doubt you, you realize, "Hmm, maybe I need to do better."

**Q: What does life look like for you in five years? You graduate in 2020 with your doctorate, for starters.**

**A:** For now, it's just focusing on getting my Ph.D. I want to eventually found and run an interdisciplinary laboratory. The way I see it is, biology relies upon chemistry, chemistry relies upon physics, and in some level when you can reduce things to simpler ideas, you have a lot more power to use them. It's good to have a bigger picture and see where you can actually go and not end up getting caught in some particular lab or a section of a company doing a particular task. In that regard, your contribution is limited to where you're at.

**Q: What's your guilty pleasure?**

**A:** Chocolate. I don't really drink caffeine, so that's the closest thing.

**Q: Do you have a favorite Chicago summer activity when you're home from school?**

**A:** Whether it's summer or not, I do enjoy listening to the radio, driving my family downtown. We live in Edison Park; it's a wonderful (neighborhood), but it's not big city. It's fun to appreciate the city and maybe daydream a little bit.

**Q: Many things that other people might have seen as intimidating, from getting into Harvard to flying a plane as a teenager, didn't dissuade you. Is there a good way to approach things that seem so daunting?**

**A:** Oftentimes in retrospect, the thing that's the hardest or perceived to be are the things you end up being most proud of. If you keep that in mind, the fact that you went through it, or made it turn out the better for yourself as much as you could, makes something that you are then happy to talk about. The attitude is to take into account: How will you see this a few years down the line?

**Q: Any tips for parents who have children like you, who push to do seemingly impossible things?**

**A:** My parents have always been encouraging. (They) never really said anything was impossible. Maybe I might still be on the edge of thinking that nothing is impossible. The more you learn, the more you realize what exactly people think is impossible, and then you see where you can push a line. It's important to encourage your children. Everybody has something that they're good at, and you (shouldn't) force people to go through the standard route.

**Q: Tell me about your passion for motorcycles.**

**A:** A small airplane is wonderful for its view. A motorcycle is great for its acceleration. A Cessna 150 is very similar to a motorcycle in that you can lean one way or the other to go that way. Every physicist should learn to ride a motorcycle. It gives one a certain physical intuition, as does flying a small airplane.

**Q: How do you handle the pressure of people expecting great things from you, based on what you've already achieved?**

**A:** I'm harder on myself than other people probably are on me. I definitely feel like I have way more to do. It's great to get recognition now, but hopefully it builds up to something. I'll hopefully be right about having some kind of gut feeling that (will become) rather big at some point. Fingers crossed.

## Debate shatters Fox News ratings record, Trump feels heat

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Donald Trump always boasted about his ratings for "Celebrity Apprentice." Now he can say the same thing about his first presidential debate, even if he didn't like the show very much.

Thursday's prime-time GOP candidates' forum on Fox News Channel reached a stunning 24 million viewers, by far the largest audience ever for that network and any cable news event. The closest was the 1992 "Larry King Live" debate between Al Gore and Ross Perot on CNN, which was seen by 16.8 million people, the Nielsen company said.

In fact, it stands as the most-watched television program of the summer so far, beating the last game of the NBA Finals and the women's World Cup soccer finals, Nielsen said.

AP
Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, speaks as Jeb Bush listens during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Cleveland.

The debate left front-runner Trump singed by the aggressive questioning of Fox's moderator team of Bret Baier, Megyn Kelly and Chris Wallace. Trump tweeted out criticism of the moderators as "not very good or professional" and retweeted a message from a supporter who called Kelly a "bimbo."

Fox News Chairman Roger Ailes called his moderators "the best political team ever put on television."

Trump became the focus of Thursday's forum right away, when Baier asked the 10 candidates onstage in Cleveland which of them would not pledge to support the eventual GOP nominee or run a third-party candidacy. Trump was the only one to raise his hand, leading opponent Rand Paul to criticize him.

Kelly's sharp first question noted that Trump had called women he didn't like "fat pigs, dogs, slobs and disgusting animals." When Trump suggested he had only insulted Rosie O'Donnell, Kelly corrected him and asked whether this represented the proper temperament for a president and left him vulnerable to charges that he is part of a war on women. Trump pointed to his lack of political correctness.

"I've been very nice to you although I could probably not be based on the way you've treated me," Trump told Kelly. "But I wouldn't do that."

Wallace asked Trump two tough questions and, in a quick-moving format that allowed little time for follow-ups, both times came back at Trump for not answering them. Wallace asked Trump to provide proof for his earlier statement that the Mexican government is sending criminals to the United States, and later questioned him on how he could be trusted to run the nation's economy when his companies have declared bankruptcy four times.

# Ryan Murphy teases Lady Gaga's 'American Horror Story' role

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Lady Gaga is going from pop star to the hospitality industry—she'll be playing a hotel owner in "American Horror Story: Hotel."

Ryan Murphy, the show's co-creator, showrunner and director, told journalists Friday that her character's name is Elizabeth and "she owns the hotel and she is sort of a very wealthy social doyenne who is consumed with art and fashion and people."

"She has a nefarious plan that is revealed in the first episode that plays out of the course of the season," he said. Gaga starts shooting Monday.

Murphy

They've built the set "from the ground up" on the Fox lot with a working elevator and cast member Kathy Bates calls the creation "jaw-dropping."

"Not just the hotel itself but the rooms...how they're decorated. You won't believe it," she said.

The season boasts a cast including Matt Bomer, Chloe Sevigny, Cheyenne Jackson, Wes Bentley and Sarah Paulson.

Viewers will also see some big former "American Horror Story" actors make appearances. "You will see people from various seasons check into the hotel," Murphy said.

He also teased that "AHS: Hotel" will be a lot like Season One in tone with psychological, primal fear being at the forefront.

For Murphy, who has two other shows in production ("American Crime Story" for FX and "Scream Queens" on Fox) said making "American Horror Story" is "one of the great joys of my life."

"It's exhausting at the end of a season but I'm so energized by it every year because it does reboot and the actors and the stars are so cool and I have a real passion for that," he said.

He also stays passionate by casting a troupe of actors like Bomer and Paulson, who he regards as friends.

"I've directed all of these actors in different incarnations and from it comes this great shorthand and I think they know that they are safe because we've worked together. They've seen other things that we've done, they feel protected," he said.

"American Horror Story: Hotel" premieres Oct. 7 on FX.

# 'Inside Out' co-director thrilled to bring film to Filipinos

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Filipino-American co-director of the box-office hit "Inside Out" says it's a dream come true for him to be sharing with Filipinos the animated film he helped create.

"It's kind of a surreal experience because I just watched movies here growing up," said Ronnie del Carmen, a former advertising art director who migrated to the U.S. in 1989 at age 29. He said he loved movies but never expected to be doing films.

del Carmen

He joined Pixar in 2000, and before that worked as story board artist for "Batman: The Animated Series" and for DreamWorks as a story supervisor.

"It's an amazing experience because I'm not just coming home, there's a movie I helped make that's opening here," he said. "It's a dream come true."

He and director Peter Docter spoke to journalists Friday in Manila, the last leg of their Asian tour to promote "Inside Out." The movie that opens in the Philippines on Aug. 19 has earned $630 million at the box office so far.

The two directors, who also collaborated on "Up" with Del Carmen as story supervisor, said they drew from some of their childhood experiences as well as their children's for the movie they also co-wrote.

Docter said it was a challenge to create characters to illustrate the emotions and gaggle of voices in the mind of 11-year-old Riley, who moves with her family from the Minnesota of her childhood to a run-down town house in San Francisco.

Sadness begins creeping in Riley's core memories, where bubbly Joy earlier reigned supreme. Anger, Fear and Disgust complete the five emotions in the "headquarters" of her mind.

Docter said they had to consult psychologists and had to pare to five what some experts claim to be as many as 27 emotions. They also had to find the right look for each emotion to remind filmgoers that the characters are the personification of feelings and are not little people.

"I think it's simultaneously the most sort of realistic film we've ever done and completely fantasy at the same time," Docter said. They used San Francisco and Minnesota as settings aside from Riley's mind.

He said it was a real challenge "because we decided to set it not in the brain but in the mind, so it's not blood vessels ... its consciousness, personality, so we talk about these very abstract things." They also used moving as a metaphor for growing up, he added.

Del Carmen said in the end it's a movie about family, not just Riley and her emotions.

# Country singer Jake Owen announces divorce from wife, Lacey

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Country singer Jake Owen and his model wife, Lacey Buchanan, are divorcing.

Owen posted a statement on his Twitter account on Friday saying the couple decided to end their marriage after three years. The statement added that they want to focus on their daughter, Pearl, and asked for privacy.

"This is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," he also tweeted.

The "Beachin'" singer is expected to release a new album on Sony Music Nashville's RCA Records Label soon and has a new single, "Real Life," out. He's also hosting the Academy of Country Music Honors show in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sept. 1.

# Renowned architect Frank Gehry working on LA River plan

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Internationally renowned architect Frank Gehry is working on a master plan to redevelop the Los Angeles River.

The designer of the steel-clad Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, has been working since last year on the long-running restoration project, the Los Angeles Times reported ( http://lat.ms/1Ngc6vS ).

A plan adopted in 2007 would restore large parts of the 51-mile (82-kilometer) concrete-lined storm channel to its natural condition while linking it to parks, bike paths and other public areas as it winds from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach.

Gehry's work will be on design elements that were left vague in the restoration plan, said Barbara Romero, deputy mayor for city services.

However, many details aren't being released.

That irked one activist group, Friends of the Los Angeles River, which said it can't endorse Gehry and wants a more grassroots approach to planning.

"Last time there was a single idea for the L.A. River it involved 3 million barrels of concrete," the group's leader, Lewis MacAdams, told the Times. "To us, it's the epitome of wrong-ended planning. It's not coming from the bottom up. It's coming from the top down."

The group also is concerned that Gehry's input might interfere with federal funding for a $1.35 billion plan to restore 11 miles (17.7 kilometers) of the river. That plan was endorsed last month by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Gehry's office did not respond to requests for comment Friday, the Times said.

The L.A. River Revitalization Corp., the nonprofit organization coordinating the renewal effort, said Gehry's work "will expand upon the decades of important work that has come before."

"Far from complicating any other efforts, his work will complement those efforts," the organization said in a statement.

# Sandra Lee, still fighting infection, to soon leave hospital

**ALBANY, N.Y.** (AP)—Food Network star Sandra Lee plans to head home this weekend following a hospitalization for complications from a recent surgery for breast cancer.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Lee's longtime boyfriend, said Friday that Lee would be leaving the hospital over the weekend. In a posting on her Facebook page, a representative for Lee said the "Semi-Homemade Cooking" star will remain on "heavy antibiotics" as she continues to fight an infection.

"She will be fine," Cuomo said on NY1. "Her spirits are good. She's a very `up' personality. She's tough and she's a fighter."

According to the Facebook posting, Lee, 49, may face additional surgery next week after doctors review her progress. Lee was rushed to the hospital Tuesday in the latest complication since she had a double mastectomy in May after receiving a breast cancer diagnosis.

Lee

"Sandra was hoping to avoid any further operations until her final reconstruction," the representative posted. "She has had an incredibly difficult road of it... the first course of action is to get the infection identified and under control."

Cuomo was attending a Billy Joel concert Tuesday at Nassau Coliseum on Long Island and had taken the stage to introduce Joel, a friend, shortly before he learned of Lee's hospitalization. He left the concert early and has since stayed close to Lee and held few public events.

The Democratic governor thanked Lee's fans and the everyday New Yorkers who he said had sent messages of support.

"This is a long road," Cuomo said, noting that besides the cancer and recovery there's the emotional impact of surgery and surgical reconstruction. "It's a terrible disease. ... I have tremendous respect for the women who have dealt with this."

# Attorney's reckless driving habits are trial for his mom

## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

DEAR ABBY: My 60-year-old son, "Martin," is an accomplished litigation attorney, handsome and opinionated, but kind and attentive to me. (I am a widow.)

Unfortunately, he's a terrible driver and always has been. Sometimes I think he has a death wish the way he drives. He speeds, texts, phones, and looks away from the road to talk to passengers in the car. I can't understand how a man of his intelligence can be so reckless with his life and the lives of others. He's a husband, father and grandfather.

I hate to drive anywhere with Martin, even though he invites me to come along to various events. He doesn't take kindly to criticism, and when I say he's going too fast, he gets defensive. He just doesn't get it. He thinks he's invincible.

I'm not the most tactful person, but I'm running out of excuses for why I don't want him to pick me up. I do drive, so I say, "I'll meet you there," but it's getting old.

How do I tell my son I no longer want him to drive me? How can I make him understand how serious his bad driving habits are? I'm not afraid of dying at my age, but I'd rather not die in an auto accident.

DISTRAUGHT MAMA IN FLORIDA

**DEAR DISTRAUGHT MAMA: Stop making excuses with your son. Tell your son how much you love him. Then tell him the truth—that his driving makes you afraid not only for your own safety, but also for him and his family.**

**If he becomes defensive, let him rant, and when he runs out of breath, go on to say that this is the reason that, while you deeply appreciate his invitations, from now on you will be arranging your own transportation. Do not be unpleasant about it, but don't be dissuaded.**

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DEAR ABBY: My "fiance" and I have been together for 10 years. I say "fiance" in quotes because although he has given me a ring and popped the question, we don't talk about planning a wedding. Every time I try, it gets me nowhere, but this isn't the problem I'm writing you about.

He has never been the type to attend my family functions. He will come on the major holidays, but even then it's a fight. I have reached the point that I no longer ask him to join me, but then I have to make up some kind of excuse for him. I've had enough of it.

Recently, when I have mentioned my family, he has started going off about what he doesn't like about them. It's getting worse, and it puts me in a tough spot. What is the best way to handle this?

STRESSED OUT IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR STRESSED: You would be wise to realize that at some point you may have to make a choice between your "fiance" and your family. Take into consideration that you have devoted 10 years of your life to someone who has given you a ring and a promise, but who has shown no signs of being willing to follow through.**

**Since you asked, I think the best way for you to handle it would be to cut your losses and choose your family.**

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# Pastimes

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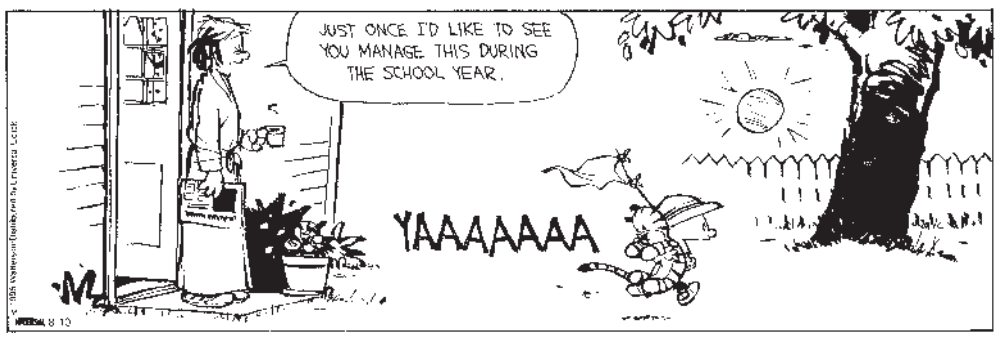
By Bill Waterson

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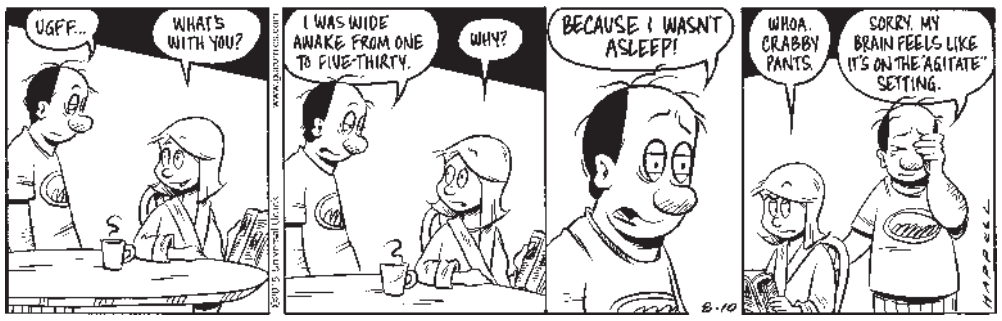


## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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COFFEE. BLACK. CUP.
WHY MUST YOU MAKE EVERYTHING SO COMPLICATED?!

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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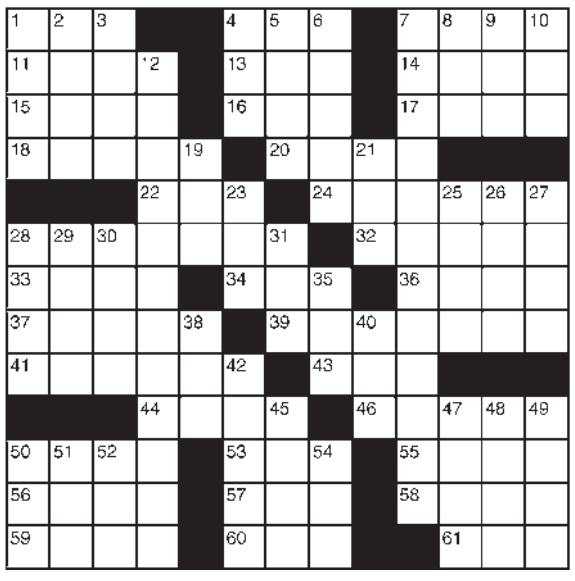

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**Happy Birthday**: Embrace life and head forward with optimism. Focus on your dreams and goals, and don't give up until you reach your destination. Laziness should not be in your vocabulary this year, so get organized and prepare to rise early, work hard and make every moment count. You will establish your territory as you break new ground. The sky is the limit. Your numbers are 7, 13, 16, 25, 28, 32, 46.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Show off your talent and what you have to offer. Follow through with plans that make you feel good and result in personal rewards. Focus on improvement, creativity and doing something with someone you love. Romance will enhance your life. ✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Question why something isn't working out for you. Channel your efforts into learning something new that will help you move past the negativity that is causing you stress and wearing you down. Use your willpower to ward off stubbornness. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): Be skeptical of someone's motives if something seems too good to be true. Make design alterations at home, but be honest regarding your reasons for doing so. Misleading someone will result in future problems. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Look for unusual ways to make your money grow. A professional move is apparent. Take advantage of any opportunity you can to use your skills in order to get ahead. Working from home should be negotiated into your deal. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your intuition will take you down an unusual but prosperous avenue. Someone will offer information that will excite you as well as prompt you to make a move. Take advantage of a last-minute opportunity that may arise. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Personal instability will develop if you and your partner have not been completely honest. Turn back the clock and use past examples to make your point clear and your voice heard. An interesting offer will disrupt your personal plans. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Do everything to help others or to get involved in something you feel strongly about. You can make a difference if you dedicate your time and services to others. You'll meet someone who makes an offer that is too good to refuse. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Approach work issues carefully. Your reputation will be jeopardized if you aren't straightforward while negotiating what you are willing to do and what you are not. An innovative response and a counteroffer will put you in the driver's seat. ✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Initiate and follow through with new beginnings. It's what you do that will count in the end, so don't make suggestions if you don't plan on finishing what you start. Your word is only as good as the actions you take. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Use your head and refrain from making rash statements that will lead to taking on too much. Setting a pace you can maintain will be half the battle. Change is good, but it must be made for the right reasons. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be prepared to give up something in order to get what you want. Relationship troubles will arise due to deception or secretive actions. A decision will have to be made if you want to resolve matters and move forward. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Slow down and listen carefully. Someone will tell you what you want to hear. Ask questions and let your gut feeling guide you to make wise choices. Emotional matters must be dealt with honestly and with an open heart. ✪✪✪✪✪

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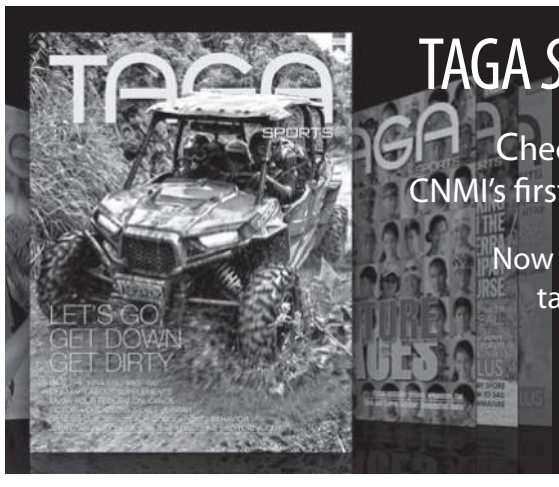


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# Price, Smoak lead Blue Jays over Yankees for 7th win in row

NEW YORK (AP)—David Price pitched three-hit ball for seven innings, Justin Smoak lined Toronto's first grand slam in the Bronx and the Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 6-0 Saturday for their seventh straight win.

Newcomer Troy Tulowitzki also homered as Toronto closed within 2 1/2 games of the AL East leaders.

With two wins in a row, the Blue Jays became the first team to take a set against the Yankees since early July. On Sunday, Toronto will try to sweep them in a series of at least three games for the first time since May 2003.

A day after R.A. Dickey and the Blue Jays beat New York 2-1 in a 10-inning matchup between the highest-scoring teams in the majors, Price (11-4) dominated.

AP

Toronto Blue Jays pitcher David Price delivers against the New York Yankees during the second inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, in New York.

### Phillies 4, Padres 2

In San Diego, Adam Morgan held down San Diego over six innings and Odubel Herrera had two hits and two RBIs to lead Philadelphia to a win.

The Phillies won for the 15th time in 20 games since the All-Star Game break, the best record in Major League Baseball. With the Marlins' loss to the Braves, Philadelphia escaped the NL East cellar for the first time since May 27.

Morgan (3-3) allowed two runs, one earned, and six hits, with a walk and four strikeouts.

Ken Giles pitched the ninth, earning his fifth save.

Tyson Ross (8-9) was charged with three runs and five hits in seven innings as the Padres lost their fifth straight. Ross retired the final 14 batters he faced.

### Orioles 5, Angels 0

In Anaheim, California, Ubaldo Jimenez yielded two hits over eight innings, and Manny Machado had four hits and scored two runs in Baltimore's victory over Los Angeles.

Machado and Caleb Joseph homered, and Jonathan Schoop drove in two runs in the Orioles' third win in five games.

Kole Calhoun broke up Jimenez's no-hit bid with a two-out double to center in the sixth, but the veteran right-hander turned in a dominant effort against Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and the struggling Angels, who have lost 11 of 15 after winning 17 of 20.

Garrett Richards (11-9) gave up seven hits and three runs over six innings for the Angels. He has taken three losses in four starts for the first time in his major league career.

Jimenez (9-7) had four losses in his past six starts before overwhelming the Angels, striking out six. Los Angeles was shut out for the fourth time in 15 games.

### Pirates 6, Dodgers 5

In Pittsburgh, left-hander Francisco Liriano hit the first home run of his 10-year career and Andrew McCutchen went 3 for 3 as Pittsburgh held on to beat Los Angeles.

Liriano hit a three-run shot in the second inning in his 160th career at-bat to put the Pirates ahead 4-2. However, he could not hold the lead as he wound up allowing four runs in three innings.

McCutchen is 13 for 29 (.448) with nine RBIs and 10 runs scored in his last nine games. He has been on base in 14 of his last 18 plate appearances.

Neil Walker had two hits for the Pirates, including a home run.

The Dodgers got within a run on Scott Van Slyke's RBI double with one out in the ninth but Mark Melancon held on for his MLB-leading 35th save.

### Cardinals 3, Brewers 0

In Milwaukee, Matt Carpenter hit a leadoff home run, Jaime Garcia pitched two-hit ball for seven innings and St. Louis made it three straight shutout victories with a win over Milwaukee.

The Cardinals have thrown 36 consecutive scoreless innings since the fourth inning of Wednesday's 13-inning 4-3 win. Michael Wacha won his team-leading 13th game, stopping Cincinnati 3-0 on Thursday. Lance Lynn beat Milwaukee 6-0 Friday night in the opener of the three-game series.

On Saturday, Garcia (4-4) walked four, struck out five and allowed Jean Segura's hit in the first and Elian Herrera's in the third. The left-hander won for the first time in three starts since coming off the 15-day disabled list on July 28 with a strained left groin.

### Rays 5, Mets 4

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Grady Sizemore and Kevin Kiermaier each drove in two runs to erase an early deficit as Tampa Bay stopped NL East-leading New York's seven-game winning streak.

Tampa Bay relievers Xavier Cedeno, Steve Geltz, Jake McGee and Brad Boxberger, who pitched the ninth for his 28th save, combined for four hitless innings. Rays starter Nathan Karns (7-5) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings.

Curtis Granderson homered twice for the Mets, who blew a 3-0 first-inning lead.

The Rays went ahead 5-4 in the fourth when John Jaso drew a walk from Noah Syndergaard (6-6), stole his first base of the season, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Evan Longoria's infield single.

### Nationals 6, Rockies 1

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg returned to Washington's rotation with a bang, striking out 12 in seven innings and contributing three hits as the Nationals beat Colorado.

The right-hander had been on the disabled list since a left oblique strain forced him out after 3 2-3 innings against the San Francisco Giants on July 4. He went to the disabled list for the second time this season before being reinstated Saturday. He allowed one run and three hits.

The victory let the Nationals (57-52) move within 1 1/2 games of the Mets in the NL East as New York's seven-game winning streak ended Saturday night at Tampa Bay.

Strasburg (6-5) didn't walk a batter and looked sharp from the start against a Colorado team that came into the game leading the National League with a .273 average.

### Royals 7, White Sox 6

In Kansas City, Missouri, Kendrys Morales and Salvador Perez each drove in two runs and Kansas City overcame Jose Abreu's two home runs to beat Chicago.

Perez, who had been in a 6-for-32 skid, had a two-out single in the three-run fourth. Morales and Perez picked up back-to-back run-producing doubles with two out in a four-run fifth.

White Sox right-hander Jeff Samardzija (8-6) failed to make it out of the fifth, giving up seven runs on six hits.

Abreu homered to lead off the fourth and sixth innings.

Jeremy Guthrie (8-7) picked up the victory, although he gave up six runs on 10 hits, including both of Abreu's homers, in 5 2/3 innings.

### Indians 17, Twins 4

In Cleveland, Jerry Sands had a pinch-hit grand slam and Abraham Almonte was 4 for 5 with a two-run homer, leading Cleveland to a victory over Minnesota.

Trevor Bauer (9-8) won for the first time since July 8, allowing four runs in 6 1/3 innings. He gave up solo homers to Joe Mauer and Eddie Rosario and a two-run homer to Kurt Suzuki.

The Indians recorded season-highs in runs and hits (19), forcing Twins manager Paul Molitor to use outfielder Shane Robinson to pitch in the eighth. Robinson walked Mike Aviles with the bases loaded, but retired the next three hitters.

Sands, batting for Lonnie Chisenhall in the fifth, homered to right off Blaine Boyer. Three consecutive walks by Ryan O'Rourke loaded the bases before Sands broke an 0-for-11 slump with his second career grand slam.

### Cubs 8, Giants 6

In Chicago, Kris Bryant homered and drove in three runs to help surging Chicago beat San Francisco.

Bryant's big day powered Chicago to its third straight win and ninth in 10 games. He also walked and scored on Miguel Montero's tiebreaking single in the fifth inning as the Cubs opened a 2 1/2-game lead over San Francisco in the race for the second NL wild card.

Bryant's two-run shot off Matt Cain (2-3) in the third was the rookie's first homer since July 27 against Colorado. He entered with a .162 batting average in 21 games since the All-Star break.

Brandon Belt hit a two-run homer for the Giants, who have dropped three in a row and five of seven. Hunter Pence had two hits and scored twice.

### Reds 4, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Keyvius Sampson earned his first MLB victory and Cincinnati hit three home runs as the Reds beat Arizona.

All the Cincinnati runs came on homers by Eugenio Suarez, Brandon Phillips and Marlon Byrd, whose solo shot in the ninth was his 150th career home run.

Sampson (1-1) gave up a first-inning run and the Diamondbacks never scored again. He went six innings and allowed four hits, struck out four and walked three.

Robbie Ray (3-7) pitched six innings for Arizona, allowing three runs and five hits. He matched his career high with eight strikeouts and walked one but fell to 0-3 in his last five starts.

### Athletics 2, Astros 1

In Oakland, California, Danny Valencia delivered an early two-run double and right-hander Jesse Chavez went seven impressive innings to lead Oakland to a victory over Houston.

Valencia produced in his second straight game as Oakland's new cleanup hitter, ripping a two-run double to the gap in right field in the bottom of the first. He finished 2 for 4 and is 5 for 12 with three RBIs in three games since the A's acquired him off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

Chavez (6-11) allowed an earned run, six hits and four walks while striking out four to record his first victory since July 19. Chavez completed at least seven innings for the first time since June 17, a span of nine outings. He rebounded nicely from a bad start on Monday when he gave up six earned runs in 3 2/3 innings in a 9-2 loss to the Baltimore Orioles.

### Tigers 7, Red Sox 6

In Detroit, Victor Martinez hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Detroit Tigers held off David Ortiz and Boston for the win.

Ortiz had three hits, including a home run in the sixth. His two-run single in the seventh gave Boston a 6-5 lead, but Martinez answered with a long drive down the right-field line off reliever Junichi Tazawa (2-5).

Rajai Davis also homered for the Tigers, and Ian Kinsler and James McCann had three hits apiece. Blaine Hardy (4-2) won in relief.

Bruce Rondon pitched a hitless ninth for his first save of the season. He walked Ortiz with two outs before striking out Pablo Sandoval.

Blake Swihart had three hits for the Red Sox.

### Rangers 11, Mariners 3, 11 innings

In Seattle, the Texas Rangers scored eight runs in the 11th inning, including a two-run homer by Prince Fielder, to pull away from Seattle.

Texas opened the inning with seven straight hits, the first six off Rob Rasmussen (1-1). Fielder's homer was the eighth hit of the frame for the Rangers and marked the third time this year the Mariners have given up eight runs in an inning.

The offensive outburst came after the Mariners were unable to drive home a run in the bottom of the 10th. Shawn Tolleson (4-2) intentionally walked Nelson Cruz and Robinson Cano to load the bases with two outs. The move worked, as Tolleson struck out Jesus Montero to end the inning.

Texas has won five of six and ended a six-game losing streak against the Mariners.

The Rangers scored three times in the fourth on a run-scoring double by Fielder, an RBI single by Josh Hamilton and a bases-loaded walk to Chris Gimenez.

### Braves 7, Marlins 2

In Atlanta, rookie Mike Foltynewicz won for the first time in three starts since returning to the Braves rotation as Atlanta downed slumping Miami.

Nick Markakis had three hits and an RBI to extend his hitting streak to 15 games, the National League's longest active streak. His run-scoring single in the fifth inning gave the Braves the lead for good.

Foltynewicz (4-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings, walking four and hitting a batter while striking out three. The Braves have won five of seven.

Tom Koehler (8-9) started for the Marlins, who have lost six straight overall and six straight against the Braves. The Marlins' bullpen has surrendered 12 runs in 11 innings in the first three games of the series.

# Steelers great Bettis leads eclectic Hall of Fame class

**CANTON, Ohio** (AP)—The humbled men in gold jackets entering football immortality were unmistakable. So was the endless sea of twirling yellow Terrible Towels there to greet them and the outpouring of compassion for the legend who wasn't there.

Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis headlined the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2015 on Saturday night, the sixth-leading rusher in NFL history turning the annual enshrinement ceremony into a de facto pep rally.

Bettis grabbed one of the ubiquitous towels synonymous with the franchise at the beginning of his speech and led a chant of "Here We Go Steelers, Here We Go" as the capacity crowd at Tom Benson Stadium—most of them clad in some variation of black-and-yellow - roared in support of the player that served as the physical embodiment of the team he helped lead to a fifth Super Bowl title in 2006.

"I really thought the Bus' last stop was in Detroit at Super Bowl 40," Bettis said. "But now I know the Bus will always and forever run in Canton, Ohio."

The euphoria surrounding Bettis' induction proved fitting on a night most of the eight-member class saw their lengthy wait to join football's most exclusive club come to an end.

Only linebacker Junior Seau was elected in his first year on the ballot. The 12-time Pro Bowler's induction, however, proved bittersweet, coming more than three years after he took his own life. His death and the complex fallout from it—Seau's family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the NFL—set the backdrop for the evening's most touching moment.

Hall of Fame rules about players awarded posthumously prevented Seau's daughter from giving a full speech on her father's behalf. Instead she spoke at length during an extended video tribute, calling her dad "a perfect match for football: both stubborn, both relentless, competitive and hard-hitting."

Those hard hits are at the center of the family's legal battle with the league, though Sydney Seau used the stage to instead pay homage to his spirit. She fought back tears when his bronze bust was unveiled and told him "congratulations, you made it" as images of Seau in his prime flashed on the video screen.

It was the emotional high point of a night that flipped between laughter and tears and back again.

AP

Former NFL player Jerome Bettis waves a Terrible Towel at the conclusion of his speech during inductions at the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, in Canton, Ohio.

Defensive end Charles Haley cracked jokes between heartfelt disclosures of his battle with depression. Minnesota Vikings center Mick Tingelhoff didn't say a word, instead letting Hall of Fame teammate Fran Tarkenton speak for him shortly after Tingelhoff's bust was unveiled.

Kansas City guard Will Shields spoke with the same thoughtfulness that made him one of the best linemen of his generation during a standout career with the Chiefs.

Contributors Bill Polian and Ron Wolf paid their respects to the icons who paved the way for their success. Wide receiver Tim Brown led chants of "Raiders! Rai-ders!" more than a decade after the last of his 1,094 receptions.

Haley, the only player in NFL history with five Super Bowl rings, gave a rousing, free-wheeling speech that included a good-natured jabs at everyone from former San Francisco owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. DeBartolo called the decision to trade Haley to Dallas in 1992 his biggest mistake during his tenure.

Haley didn't disagree, though he also made sure to honor the men who signed his paychecks, including a nod to the occasionally bombastic Jones, who organized a bone marrow drive when Haley's daughter Brianna was diagnosed with leukemia.

Haley retired after the 1999 season with 100 1/2 sacks and a fistful of championships. Yet he spent the better part of a decade watching former teammates get the call while his phone remained silent.

He blamed it partly on his own struggle with his inner demons. Haley said he was a "22-year-old man with a 16-year-old inside of me screaming for help and I would not ask for it" when he arrived in the NFL in 1986.

"My life spiraled out of control for years, for years," Haley said. "But today, guys, I am getting back into the locker room, to my teammates and tell them guys the mistakes that I've made and that the only way you can grow is that you've got to ask for help."

Wolf, who hired Mike Holmgren and traded for Brett Favre shortly after taking over in 1991, led off by praising the core that restored the Packers to legitimacy after two decades of mediocrity.

"There was always a threat to players of other teams that if they didn't shape up, they would be traded to Green Bay," Wolf said. "We worked hard to eliminate that stigma."

Polian praised Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy for helping him resurrect the Bills after Polian took over as general manager in 1984. The two men put together the foundation of a team that made four straight Super Bowl appearances behind Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas and Andre Reed, all of whom Polian joined in the Hall. Polian finally won a championship with Indianapolis and Peyton Manning, though Polian couldn't help but wonder how a "kid from the Bronx" ended up in Canton.

There was no wondering for Bettis, who wasn't shy about his desire to follow in the footsteps of other Steeler greats already in the Hall. Many were on hand to watch, including Franco Harris, Joe Greene and Lynn Swann. Several of Bettis' former teammates, including quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and wide receiver Hines Ward, sat in front of the stage as the Hall's doors finally opened for the player known simply as "The Bus."

It's a destination made possible in part by Roethlisberger, who preserved Pittsburgh's Super Bowl run in 2006 by tripping up Indianapolis' Nick Harper shortly after Bettis fumbled near the Colts' goal line in the AFC playoffs.

"Without you saving that tackle, I still might be on the doorstep brother," Bettis said. "I owe you, for life."

# Rose with a 63 to tie Furyk at Firestone

**AKRON, Ohio** (AP)—Justin Rose never lost belief that he was playing well even as he went 30 consecutive holes without making a birdie in the Bridgestone Invitational.

The streak ended on his first hole Saturday.

And he kept right on going.

Rose had a good start and a strong closing kick with three birdies over his last four holes, including a 40-foot putt on the 18th hole. It was the longest putt he has made all year, and it gave him a 7-under 63 and a share of the lead with Jim Furyk.

"I guess that shows it just evens out, really, if you can stay the course and stay patient, kind of believe that you're going to get your run eventually," Rose said. "Yesterday, I actually played really well. ... It just didn't happen yesterday. But came into today with a belief that I was still playing well."

Furyk, who had a four-shot lead going into the weekend, finished with six straight pars and he had to work hard for the last one. After spending much of the back nine in the rough, he finally drilled one right in the middle on the 18th hole, only for it to settle in a sand-filled divot.

"I finally hit a good drive on 18 and I'm licking my chops to get down there, knowing I'm going to have a short iron in my hand," Furyk said. "Not only was I in a divot, it was a pretty bad lie. I felt like there was raised sand behind the ball."

His only option was to punch an 8-iron that he tugged slightly into the collar. His chip rolled out through the green, and he holed a 12-foot putt for his par and a 69 to join Rose in the lead at 9-under 201.

Furyk was more excited than usual, pumping his fist when it fell.

Being tied for the lead wasn't that big of a deal for someone like Furyk, who has been around long enough to know the tour stopped giving charity money away for a 54-hole lead. And while every shot counts over 72 holes, this was more a matter of finishing the right way. He made bogey on his last hole the previous two rounds.

"That always leaves a little bit of a sour taste, and I didn't want to do that three days in a row," Furyk said. "Knocking the putt in was nice. In the whole scheme of things, it's nice to have the shot. It's just a good way to finish off the day."

They were two shots ahead of Shane Lowry of Ireland, who had a 67.

Steve Bowditch also had a 63 earlier Saturday and was in a group four shots behind that included Ian Poulter (65), Henrik Stenson (68) and Bubba Watson (69). Watson had a chance to get closer to the lead until he missed a short birdie putt on the 16th and dropped a shot on the next hole.

Another shot back were Graeme McDowell (69), Brooks Koepka (68) and Robert Streb (68). McDowell didn't make a birdie after the eighth hole and closed with a bogey, while Koepka was poised to move closer to the leaders until his bogey-bogey finish.

Still, what Rose did Saturday was enough evidence that any number of players to have a chance. Rose was six shots behind going into Saturday. There were 10 players separated by five shots going into Sunday.

Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth was not among them. Only his putting kept a 72 from being worse. Spieth struggled to find fairways—he still hasn't had a birdie putt on the par-5 second, the easiest at Firestone, this week—and didn't give himself many birdie chances. He wound up nine shots behind, all but assuring that Rory McIlroy will be No. 1 going into the PGA Championship next week.

"Very frustrating today. It was a poor performance," Spieth said. "Didn't have very good control of the ball. I putted it OK, but other than that, very much struggled. I'm going to need to look for some answers tomorrow and into next week."

Rose had no such problems.

He made a pair of key par saves on the front nine that kept the momentum from his birdie-birdie start, and he didn't come seriously close to a bogey the rest of the way.

As for the birdies? They were overdue. Rose made birdie on the sixth hole of the opening round, went the last 12 holes without another, and then made 17 pars and one bogey on Friday. He started fast Saturday, and finished even better.

Now he's in position to capture his second World Golf Championship—Rose also won the WGC at Doral.

Furyk remains in position for his first, and it could happen at no better place than Firestone, the course where he was denied victory in 2001 after a seven-hole playoff with Tiger Woods and in 2012 when Furyk made double bogey on the last hole.

# Kim, Yoo top ladies flights in TOC

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Sun Suk Kim and Chung Hee Yoo respectively won the Women's Flight and Women's Low Net of the 2015 Tournament of Champion held last Aug. 1 and 2 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Kim edged Yuko Togawa in the Ladies Flight after tackling the Kagman golf course, made more challenging by Typhoon Soudelor's winds, with a two-day total of 155.

She thrived in the picture perfect Day 1 of the tournament with a 2-over par 74, but struggled on Day 2's Soudelor-powered winds and limped back into the clubhouse with a 9-over 81.

Togawa, for her part, saw herself come within a stroke of Kim's first day score with a 75 last Aug. 1. She, however, failed to make any headway on Aug. 2 and again finished a stroke behind the Ladies Flight eventual champion with an 83, good for a two-day haul of 157.

Yuko's mother, Noriko, came in third with her 164 built around an 83 on the first day and an 81 on the second day.

Chung Hee Yoo and Jenny Hegland completed the Top 5 in the Ladies Flight with scores of 166 (79-87) and 169 (82-87), respectively.

In the Ladies Low Net, Yoo was heads and shoulders above everyone else after she submitted a net score of 71. She actually finished the weekend with a 166 gross after a 79 on Day and an 87 on Day 2, but when her handicap was calculated she came away with a peerless 71 average net.

Me Ae Jeon finished a far second with 74 average net after a two-day gross of 172, while Shiori Onoue was third with a 74.60 average net built around an 81 on Aug. 1 and a 91 on Aug. 2.

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Sun Suk Kim, left photo, and Chung Hee Yoo, right photo, receive their replica carved latte stone trophies from organizers topping the Women's Flight and Women's Low Net of the 2015 Tournament of Champion held last Aug. 1 and 2 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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body shots, Camacho unloaded a right hook that hit Ura's left jaw and brought the Japanese fighter down to the canvass. A visibly shaken Ura stood up quickly only to be greeted by a combination from Camacho. The Japanese then managed to get out of trouble after getting more punishment from Camacho, but the latter chased the former anew and unleashed another big right to Ura's head. Ura went down again, stood up, and was nearly hit by a right uppercut from Camacho before dropping to the canvas anew. At this time, referee Donny Elvina stepped in and stopped the fight, giving Camacho the KO win, his second in less than two months after beating another Japanese bet in Yasuaki Miura during the Rites of Passage 18: Warpath on Saipan last July 3.

Meanwhile, Alvarez planned to engage Rafols in a stand-and-bang fight just like what Camacho did to Ura. However, the Trench Tech fighter saw the chance to pin his Filipino foe down the canvas and capitalized on the opportunity.

"Early on I was going with the game plan trying to stand and bang but when I exchanged punches and clinched him I felt I could lift him easily or take him down so I kind of switched game plans. However, I shifted my weight the wrong way and he reversed and he fell on top of me. I got up a few seconds after and Jessie jumped for a guillotine while I was trying to stand up, but I jumped to slam him on the mat and before even hitting the ground I was able to get my head free," Alvarez said.

"I knew Jessie was crafty on the ground, but I didn't expect that much submission attempts from him. I kept my composure because I knew he would soon get tired. I never felt in too much danger in the locks but I knew I could hack them. I'm not an easy person to tap out and after escaping them all, I could hear him breathing heavily so I started to turn it up and work for passes while attacking his body to get him more tired. I kind of got a little bit sick on fight night so I wanted to finish as fast as possible as I didn't know how it would affect me in the later round. When I saw my opportunity, I immediately went for the rear-naked choke and got the finish," Alvarez added.

Alvarez added he came into the fight with Saipan on his mind.

"I was super motivated after the storm hit our home. I promised myself and my island I will win this fight," Alvarez said.

Alvarez' father, Cuki, who was also in Guam as a cornerman for his son, echoed Shane's sentiments.

"It was such an amazing feeling to get the wins. Both Frank and Shane fought with heavy hearts last night but managed to maintain their emotions and focus on the task at hand and bring the wins for the people of Saipan. While everyone back home is struggling with even just the bare necessities, we felt obligated to work hard and fast and come out victorious much like how we know our people will also come out victorious from this disaster," Cuki said.

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with Old Town in the first three innings, 4-8. Manibusan's wards went without a single run in the next two innings before saving two runs each in the last two, but these were not enough to keep the team's finals' hopes alive. Old Town racked up three more runs in the last four innings for good measure.

Ryan Hoogterp and Kaleb Gifford led Old Town with the former going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and the latter hitting 3-for-3 with four RBIs.

The CNMI bowed out of the tournament with a 2-2 record, posting both wins against Italy (Lazio Little League), 10-5, and 8-4.

Meanwhile, West University Little League of West University Place, Texas won this year's Senior League World Series after dominating East Holmes Little League of Holmes County, Ohio, 8-1, in yesterday's finale.

West University Little League used a seven-run bottom of the third inning to shatter a deadlock, 1-1, after the first two innings and cruise to victory. The newly crowned champion advanced to the finals after downing Upper Mooreland Little League of Pennsylvania in the semis, 4-1, while East Holmes Little League prevailed against Old Town in the other Final Four pairing, 9-2.

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International School graduate admitted feeling nervous in her first event in Kazan.

"Honestly, I was really, really nervous at first and was thinking that I have to think about everything that my coach (Jacoby Winkfield) has told me all those months back and so I was focused on all the little thing. At first I thought I was not going to make it and then at the end I was telling myself I have to make it, I have to do it, "Chentsova was quoted as saying in a report submitted by Mike Marron of *The Reporters' Academy* and forwarded to *Saipan Tribune*. *The Reporters' Academy* is media production company tasked to write stories on Oceania's swimmers competing in the world championships.

Chentsova settled down after her first event and then registered her second age group and national records last Saturday after timing in at 9:48.87 on Heat 1 of the qualifying races for the 800m freestyle contest. Her mark surpassed the nearly 20-year-old record of SSC's Anneka Sakovich, who logged 9:50.22 on Aug. 18, 1995.

"I'm so happy. I didn't do as well as I hoped, I was aiming for 9 minutes 44 seconds but I beat my time so I'm so happy and relieved," Chentsova was quoted as saying in an interview with the *The Reporters' Academy*.

"I was just trying not to die. I'm always going out too slow and coming back way faster, so I'm always negative splitting. So this time I wanted to go out a little faster so that I wasn't sprinting near the end. I just gave it my all," she added.

Meanwhile, three other CNMI swimmers joined Chentsova in Kazan. Results of Kaito Yanai, Takumi Sugie, and Angel De Jesus' events will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

# Lieberman hired by Kings as NBA's second female assistant

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—New Sacramento Kings assistant Nancy Lieberman recalls a conversation with Pat Riley a couple of years back when she explained to the Miami Heat executive how much she wanted to keep coaching at basketball's highest level.

"When I said to him, `You know, I really would like to coach,' and he said, `You would?' and he goes, `Nancy, if you want something you have to tell people what you want,'" she said. "I didn't want to be that pushy broad. I just normally assumed: `Well, I'm Nancy, I've been around the game my whole life, they should know this. They should have a crystal ball and know what I want. That was absolutely horrible thinking on my side. The most important thing is that I started to share what my aspirations were—`I'd like to do this.'"

The Hall of Famer was hired by the Kings on Friday, joining Becky Hammon of the San Antonio Spurs as another female NBA assistant coach.

Lieberman was scheduled to be in Las Vegas later in the weekend for an NBA coaching camp with Kings coach George Karl and Vlade Divac, Sacramento's vice president of basketball and franchise operations and a former star player. The Kings formally announced Lieberman's hiring Friday along with the coaching staff.

The 57-year-old Lieberman joins Karl's staff in the state capital just shy of a year after Hammon was hired by the Spurs, making her the first full-time paid female NBA assistant coach.

"Becky opened up a lot of doors even for myself, with what the Spurs did and then with her success at the summer league," Lieberman said. "It has an effect on a lot of people's thinking and the acceptance. I believe a lot of people saw that and went: `Why can't we do that? That's something that's really important, and there's other people open-minded, why can't it be us?'

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 61 | 48 | .560 | — |
| Toronto | 60 | 52 | .536 | 2½ |
| Baltimore | 56 | 53 | .514 | 5 |
| Tampa Bay | 55 | 56 | .495 | 7 |
| Boston | 49 | 62 | .441 | 13 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 65 | 44 | .596 | — |
| Minnesota | 55 | 55 | .500 | 10½ |
| Detroit | 54 | 56 | .491 | 11½ |
| Chicago | 51 | 57 | .472 | 13½ |
| Cleveland | 50 | 59 | .459 | 15 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 61 | 51 | .545 | — |
| Los Angeles | 58 | 51 | .532 | 1½ |
| Texas | 55 | 54 | .505 | 4½ |
| Seattle | 51 | 60 | .459 | 9½ |
| Oakland | 50 | 62 | .446 | 11 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 59 | 51 | .536 | — |
| Washington | 57 | 52 | .523 | 1½ |
| Atlanta | 51 | 60 | .459 | 8½ |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 67 | .396 | 15½ |
| Miami | 43 | 68 | .387 | 16½ |

**Central Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 71 | 39 | .645 | — |
| Pittsburgh | 64 | 44 | .593 | 6 |
| Chicago | 61 | 48 | .560 | 9½ |
| Cincinnati | 49 | 59 | .454 | 21 |
| Milwaukee | 47 | 65 | .420 | 25 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 62 | 48 | .564 | — |
| San Francisco | 59 | 51 | .536 | 3 |
| Arizona | 53 | 56 | .486 | 8½ |
| San Diego | 52 | 59 | .468 | 10½ |
| Colorado | 46 | 62 | .426 | 15 |

### BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES

**AKRON, Ohio** (AP)—Scores Saturday from the Bridgestone Invitational, a US PGA Tour event at the 7,400-yard, par-70 Firestone Country Club (South Course):

**THIRD ROUND**

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| Justin Rose | 67-71-63—201 |
| Jim Furyk | 66-66-69—201 |
| Shane Lowry | 70-66-67—203 |
| Steven Bowditch | 73-69-63—205 |
| Ian Poulter | 68-72-65—205 |
| Henrik Stenson | 68-69-68—205 |
| Bubba Watson | 70-66-69—205 |
| Robert Streb | 68-70-68—206 |
| Brooks Koepka | 69-69-68—206 |
| Graeme McDowell | 66-71-69—206 |
| David Lingmerth | 70-71-66—207 |
| Danny Lee | 65-72-70—207 |
| Keegan Bradley | 69-70-69—208 |
| Jason Day | 69-69-70—208 |
| Branden Grace | 73-69-67—209 |
| Rickie Fowler | 67-72-70—209 |
| Bill Haas | 74-69-67—210 |
| Marc Warren | 71-70-69—210 |
| Danny Willett | 70-71-69—210 |
| Russell Henley | 70-70-70—210 |
| Kevin Na | 69-70-71—210 |
| Patrick Reed | 71-67-72—210 |
| Sergio Garcia | 71-67-72—210 |
| Webb Simpson | 68-70-72—210 |
| Jordan Spieth | 70-68-72—210 |
| Bernd Wiesberger | 71-74-66—211 |
| Soren Kjeldsen | 69-73-69—211 |
| Ryan Moore | 71-71-69—211 |
| Pablo Larrazabal | 72-70-69—211 |
| Zach Johnson | 70-70-71—211 |
| Lee Westwood | 68-70-73—211 |
| Dustin Johnson | 69-67-75—211 |
| Marcel Siem | 70-73-69—212 |
| Marc Leishman | 72-70-70—212 |
| Charl Schwartzel | 70-72-70—212 |
| J.B. Holmes | 74-68-70—212 |
| Joost Luiten | 70-72-70—212 |
| Martin Kaymer | 70-71-71—212 |
| Adam Scott | 72-69-71—212 |
| Paul Casey | 68-73-71—212 |
| Jamie Donaldson | 70-71-71—212 |
| Brandt Snedeker | 70-70-72—212 |
| Charley Hoffman | 75-66-71—212 |
| Matt Kuchar | 72-68-72—212 |
| Brendon Todd | 74-72-68—214 |
| Koumei Oda | 68-77-69—214 |
| Billy Horschel | 71-73-70—214 |
| Louis Oosthuizen | 72-70-72—214 |
| James Hahn | 70-70-74—214 |
| Camilo Villegas | 75-69-71—215 |
| Byeong-Hun An | 77-68-70—215 |
| Stephen Gallacher | 77-67-71—215 |
| Victor Dubuisson | 68-74-73—215 |
| Kevin Kisner | 73-69-73—215 |
| Anirban Lahiri | 77-72-67—216 |
| Jimmy Walker | 73-73-70—216 |
| Gary Woodland | 75-69-72—216 |
| Mikko Ilonen | 74-73-70—217 |
| Phil Mickelson | 76-70-71—217 |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 69-75-73—217 |
| Thongchai Jaidee | 73-71-73—217 |
| Francesco Molinari | 69-74-74—217 |
| David Lipsky | 72-74-72—218 |
| Thomas Bjorn | 70-75-73—218 |
| Ben Martin | 75-71-72—218 |
| Gary Stal | 72-73-73—218 |
| Padraig Harrington | 72-72-74—218 |
| Sangmoon Bae | 71-75-73—219 |
| Andrew Dodt | 77-71-72—220 |
| Fabian Gomez | 75-72-73—220 |
| WC Liang | 72-73-75—220 |
| Oliver Wilson | 74-72-75—221 |
| Ryan Palmer | 74-75-73—222 |
| Hunter Mahan | 74-79-72—225 |
| Matt Every | 72-77-76—225 |
| Nick Cullen | 77-74-75—226 |
| Troy Merritt | 82-75-70—227 |

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# 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament

**PHOTOS By MARK RABAGO**

Dolphins' Aaron Ogumoro goes up for a fastbreak layup in the second half of their U15 championship game against the Ol'Aces in the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament last Aug. 1 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Dolphins won the title running away, 75-48.

Dolphins' Christian Arceo challenges the defense of Ol'Aces' Troy Ngirarois.

Dolphins' Christian Arceo pump-fakes an Ol'Aces defender.

Dolphins' Aaron Ogumoro tries a bicycles shot against Ol'Aces' B.J. Norita.

Ol'Aces' Drew Bayot dribbles baseline.

Dolphins' Jun Alipio attempts a left-handed Statue of Liberty layup against two Ol'Aces defenders.

Ol'Aces' Troy Ngirarois attempts a floater against two Dolphins defenders.

Dolphins' Jake Pangelinan is fouled by Ol'Aces' Troy Ngirarois.

Ol'Aces' Christian Itaas attacks against Dolphins' Ezekiel Quiroz.

**Price, Smoak lead Blue Jays over Yankees for 7th win in row**

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## NEARLY A WEEK AFTER SOUDELOR BATTERS ISLAND

# 'Crank' and 'Pikaboo' deliver wins for Saipan

FACEBOOK

Frank "The Crank" Camacho reacts after scoring a first round knockout win over Japan's Kengo Ura in their lightweight matchup in the PXC 49 last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Guam.

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Motivated to win for typhoon-ravaged Saipan, Frank "The Crank" Camacho and Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez delivered as promised, dispatching their foes in the first round of their respective bouts in PXC 49 last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse in Guam.

Camacho scored a knockout victory over Japan's Kengo Ura in their lightweight matchup, while Alvarez topped the Philippines' Jessie Rafols via rear-naked choke submission in their flyweight bout.

"It is our victory. I fought with the Marianas in that cage, for our people. The win at PXC49 was for the Marianas. No typhoon will ever knock our people down. We will always get back up and keep fighting. This fight was dedicated to my Saipan brothers and sisters in need," Camacho said in a message posted on his Facebook account.

The 26-year-old MMA fighter, who improved his win-loss record to 17-3, took less than a minute in the opening round to pull the plug on his Japanese foe. After missing a couple of

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# CNMI misses semis berth in World Series

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The CNMI bowed out of contention in the 2015 Senior League Baseball World Series after losing anew to host Maine District 3, 8-11, last Wednesday (Thursday on Saipan) at the Shawn T. Mansfield in Bangor, Maine.

The Asia Pacific champion and the host team, which was represented by a squad from Old Town, fought for the semifinals berth in the B bracket, according to 2015 Senior World Series official website (www.worldseries.bangorinfo.com) communications staff Sam Coombs. Old Town capitalized on the absence of some key players on the CNMI side to make it two in a row against the Asia Pacific champion. Old Town edged the CNMI, 10-5, in the first meeting.

The visiting squad played without Roke Tenorio, Franko Nakamura, and Anthony Muna, who were ejected from their heated game against Italy last Wednesday and was barred from playing against Old Town.

"We lost a couple of our best batters for this game," coach Juan Manibusan was quoted as saying in Coombs' report. "I don't want to take any credit away from Maine, they played good. I just wish we could have had those bats."

Sans some of its best batters, the CNMI lost the exchange

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The CNMI's Virgil Secharmidal waits for the throw at home plate, while an Old Town runner dives safely during their game in the 2015 Senior League Baseball World Series last Wednesday at the Shawn T. Mansfield in Bangor, Maine.

# Chentsova set two CNMI national swim marks

MIKE MARRON

The CNMI's Victoria Chentsova competes in the 400m freestyle event in the 16th FINA World Championships last Monday at the Kazan Arena, in Kazan, Russia.

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The CNMI's Victoria Chentsova earned age group and national records in the 400m and 800m freestyle events during last week's races in the 16th FINA World Championships in Kazan Arena, Kazan, Russia.

Chentsova gained the 400m freestyle records right at the start of the tournament last Monday, as she clocked in at 4:44.15 on Heat 1 of the qualifying races. The 17-year-old Saipan Swim Club member crushed the 14-year marks of fellow SSC swimmer Xenavee Pangelinan, who posted the 17 to 18 age group and national records of 4:45.21 on July 29, 2001 during the World Championship in Fukuoka, Japan. The new marks are not yet official, as they need to be certified first by the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation.

Chentsova notched the 400m freestyle record in her third World Championships stint (long course). She had her first in China in 2011 and second in Spain in 2013 and despite having the experience in competing in the world stage, the Saipan

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